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1. A direct current motor rotation detecting apparatus configured to detect at least one of a rotational direction, a rotational speed, a rotational position, and a cumulative rotation number of a rotor of a direct current motor, comprising:

5 at least one rotation detecting brush configured to detect a rotation of the rotor;
 a differentiating circuit configured to differentiate a voltage obtained through the at least one rotation detecting brush; and

 a pulse generator configured to be triggered by the differentiating circuit at a time interval proportional to a rotational speed of the direct current motor and to generate pulses
10 each having a predetermined pulse width.

2. The direct current motor rotation detecting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a pulse width of the pulses generated from the pulse generator satisfies condition (1):

$$(1) \quad tw < (60/nN)$$

where tw is an output pulse width (seconds), n is a number of rotor magnetic poles, and N is
15 a maximum rotational speed (r.p.m) of the direct current motor.

3. A direct current motor rotation control apparatus configured to control at least one of a rotational direction, a rotational speed, a rotational position, and a cumulative rotation number of a rotor of a direct current motor, comprising:

 at least one rotation detecting brush configured to detect a rotation of the rotor;
20 a motor driving circuit configured to apply a direct current drive voltage to a pair of electrode brushes and to drive the direct current motor;

 a differentiating circuit configured to differentiate a voltage obtained through the at least one rotation detecting brush;

 a pulse generator configured to be triggered by the differentiating circuit at a time
25 interval proportional to a rotational speed of the direct current motor and to generate pulses each having a predetermined pulse width; and

 a motor control circuit configured to obtain at least one of a rotational speed and a cumulative rotation number of the rotor based on the pulses generated by the pulse generator and to control the motor driving circuit based on the at least one of the rotational speed and

the cumulative rotation number of the rotor.

4. The direct current motor rotation control apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the motor control circuit comprises:

5 a pulse interval measuring device configured to measure a pulse interval of output pulses of the pulse generator;

a rotational speed calculating device configured to calculate a rotational speed of the rotor based on the pulse interval measured by the pulse interval measuring device;

10 a rotational speed comparing device configured to compare the rotational speed of the rotor calculated by the rotational speed calculating device with a target rotational speed of the rotor; and

a chopping control device configured to control a drive output signal of the motor driving circuit by performing chopping control based on a comparison result obtained by the rotational speed comparing device such that the rotational speed of the rotor reaches the target rotational speed.

15 5. The direct current motor rotation control apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the motor control circuit further comprises:

a rotational speed detection suppressing device configured to invalidate a rotational speed detection result measured by the pulse interval measuring device when a chopping operation is performed by the chopping control device.

20 6. The direct current motor rotation control apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the motor control circuit comprises:

a pulse number counting device configured to count a pulse number of the output pulses of the pulse generator;

25 a cumulative rotation number calculating device configured to calculate a cumulative rotation number of the rotor based on the pulse number counted by the pulse number counting device;

a remaining rotation number calculating device configured to calculate a remaining rotation number based on the cumulative rotation number subtracted from a target cumulative rotation number; and

a motor control signal generating device configured to generate and apply motor control signals to the motor driving circuit based on the remaining rotation number calculated by the remaining rotation number calculating device.

- 5 7. A direct current motor rotation control apparatus configured to control rotational operations of a direct current motor, comprising:
- at least one rotation detecting brush configured to detect a rotation of a rotor;
 - a motor driving circuit configured to apply a direct current drive voltage to a pair of electrode brushes and to drive the direct current motor;
 - a differentiating circuit configured to differentiate a voltage obtained through the at
10 least one rotation detecting brush;
 - a pulse generator configured to be triggered by the differentiating circuit at a time interval proportional to a rotational speed of the direct current motor and to generate pulses each having a predetermined pulse width; and
 - a motor control circuit configured to adjust the direct current drive voltage based on
15 the pulses generated by the pulse generator, thereby to control an operation of the direct current motor.

8. The direct current motor rotation control apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the motor control circuit comprises:
- a pulse interval measuring device configured to measure a pulse interval of output
20 pulses of the pulse generator;
 - a rotational speed calculating device configured to calculate a rotational speed of the direct current motor based on the pulse interval measured by the pulse interval measuring device;
 - a rotational speed comparing device configured to compare the rotational speed of the
25 direct current motor calculated by the rotational speed calculating device with a target rotational speed of the direct current motor and to produce a comparison result;
 - a speed converting device configured to calculate, based on the comparison result, a value of the direct current drive voltage to be applied to the pair of electrode brushes so as to obtain the target rotational speed; and
 - 30 a drive voltage control device configured to apply a direct current drive voltage to the

pair of electrode brushes corresponding to the value of the direct current drive voltage calculated from the speed converting device.

9. The direct current motor rotation control apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the motor control circuit comprises:

5 a pulse interval measuring device configured to measure a pulse interval of output pulses of the pulse generator;

 a rotational speed calculating device configured to calculate a rotational speed of the direct current motor based on the pulse interval measured by the pulse interval measuring device;

10 a pulse number counting device configured to count a pulse number of the output pulses of the pulse generator;

 a cumulative rotation number calculating device configured to calculate a cumulative rotation number of the direct current motor based on the pulse number counted by the pulse number counting device;

15 a remaining rotation number calculating device configured to calculate a remaining rotation number based on the cumulative rotation number subtracted from a target cumulative rotation number;

 a rotational speed switching device configured to switch a first target rotational speed of the direct current motor to a second target rotational speed corresponding to the remaining rotation number when the remaining rotation number reaches at least a first predetermined remaining rotation number;

20 a speed converting device configured to calculate a value of the direct current drive voltage to be applied to the pair of electrode brushes based on the rotational speed and the second target rotational speed; and

25 a drive voltage control device configured to control the drive voltage to the electrode brushes by applying a direct current drive voltage corresponding to the value of voltage calculated by the speed converting device to the motor driving circuit so as to obtain the second target rotational speed of the direct current motor.

30 10. A direct current motor rotation detecting apparatus configured to detect at least one of a rotational direction, a rotational speed, a rotational position, and a cumulative

rotation number of a rotor of a direct current motor, comprising:

rotation detecting means for detecting a rotation of the rotor;

differentiating means for differentiating a voltage obtained through the rotation detecting means; and

5 pulse generating means for generating pulses each having a predetermined pulse width at a time interval proportional to a rotational speed of the direct current motor.

11. A direct current motor rotation control apparatus configured to control at least one of a rotational direction, a rotational speed, a rotational position, and a cumulative rotation number of a rotor of a direct current motor, comprising:

10 rotation detecting means for detecting a rotation of the rotor;

motor driving means for applying a direct current drive voltage to a pair of electrode brushes and for driving the direct current motor;

differentiating means for differentiating a voltage obtained through the rotation detecting means;

15 pulse generating means for generating pulses each having a predetermined pulse width at a time interval proportional to a rotational speed of the direct current motor; and

motor control means for obtaining at least one of a rotational speed and a cumulative rotation number of the rotor based on the pulses generated by the pulse generating means and for controlling the motor driving means based on the at least one of the rotational speed and the cumulative rotation number.

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12. The direct current motor rotation control apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the motor control means comprises:

pulse interval measuring means for measuring a pulse interval of output pulses of the pulse generating means;

25 rotational speed calculating means for calculating a rotational speed of the rotor based on the pulse interval measured by the pulse interval measuring means;

rotational speed comparing means for comparing the rotational speed of the rotor calculated by the rotational speed calculating means with a target rotational speed of the rotor; and

30 chopping control means for controlling a drive output signal of the motor driving

means by performing chopping control based on a comparison result obtained by the rotational speed comparing means such that the rotational speed of the rotor reaches the target rotational speed.

5 13. The direct current motor rotation control apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the motor control means further comprises:

rotational speed detection suppressing means for invalidating a rotational speed detection result measured by the pulse interval measuring means when a chopping operation is performed by the chopping control means.

10 14. The direct current motor rotation control apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the motor control means comprises:

pulse number counting means for counting a pulse number of the output pulses of the pulse generating means;

cumulative rotation number calculating means for calculating a cumulative rotation number of the rotor based on the pulse number counted by the pulse number counting means;

15 remaining rotation number calculating means for calculating a remaining rotation number based on the cumulative rotation number subtracted from a target cumulative rotation number; and

20 motor control signal generating means for generating and applying motor control signals to the motor driving means based on the remaining rotation number calculated by the remaining rotation number calculating means.

15. A direct current motor rotation control apparatus configured to control rotational operations of a direct current motor, comprising:

rotation detecting means for detecting a rotation of the direct current motor;

25 motor driving means for applying a direct current drive voltage to a pair of electrode brushes and for driving the direct current motor;

differentiating means for differentiating a voltage obtained through the at least one rotation detecting means;

pulse generating means for generating pulses each having a predetermined pulse width at a time interval proportional to a rotational speed of the direct current motor; and

motor control means for adjusting the direct current drive voltage based on the pulses generated by the pulse generating means, for controlling an operation of the direct current motor.

5 16. The direct current motor rotation control apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the motor control means comprises:

pulse interval measuring means for measuring a pulse interval of output pulses of the pulse generating means;

rotational speed calculating means for calculating a rotational speed of the direct current motor based on the pulse interval measured by the pulse interval measuring means;

10 rotational speed comparing means for comparing the rotational speed of the direct current motor calculated by the rotational speed calculating means with a target rotational speed of the direct current motor and for producing a comparison result;

speed converting means for calculating, based on the comparison result, a value of the direct current drive voltage to be applied to the pair of electrode brushes for obtaining the target rotational speed; and

15 drive voltage control means for applying a direct current drive voltage to the pair of electrode brushes corresponding to the value of the direct current drive voltage calculated from the speed converting means.

20 17. The direct current motor rotation control apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the motor control means comprises:

pulse interval measuring means for measuring a pulse interval of output pulses of the pulse generating means;

rotational speed calculating means for calculating a rotational speed of the direct current motor based on the pulse interval measured by the pulse interval measuring means;

25 pulse number counting means for counting a pulse number of the output pulses of the pulse generating means;

cumulative rotation number calculating means for calculating a cumulative rotation number of the direct current motor based on the pulse number counted by the pulse number counting means;

30 remaining rotation number calculating means for calculating a remaining rotation

number based on the cumulative rotation number subtracted from a target cumulative rotation number;

rotational speed switching means for switching a first target rotational speed of the direct current motor to a second target rotational speed corresponding to the remaining rotation number when the remaining rotation number reaches at least a first predetermined remaining rotation number;

speed converting means for calculating a value of the direct current drive voltage to be applied to the pair of electrode brushes based on the rotational speed and the second target rotational speed; and

drive voltage control means for controlling the drive voltage to the electrode brushes by applying a direct current drive voltage corresponding to the value of voltage calculated by the speed converting means to the motor driving means so as to obtain the second target rotational speed of the direct current motor.

18. A method for detecting at least one of a rotational direction, a rotational speed, a rotational position, and a cumulative rotation number of a rotor of a direct current motor, comprising:

detecting a rotation of the rotor using at least one rotation detecting brush;
differentiating a voltage obtained through the at least one rotation detecting brush;
triggering a pulse generator by the differentiated voltage; and

generating pulses each having a predetermined pulse width based on the triggering of the pulse generator.

19. A method for controlling at least one of a rotational direction, a rotational speed, a rotational position, and a cumulative rotation number of a rotor of a direct current motor, comprising:

driving the direct current motor with a motor driving circuit by applying a direct current drive voltage to a pair of electrode brushes;

detecting a rotation of the rotor using at least one rotation detecting brush;
differentiating a voltage obtained through the at least one rotation detecting brush;
triggering a pulse generator by the differentiated voltage;

generating pulses each having a predetermined pulse width based on the triggering of

the pulse generator; and

controlling the motor driving circuit by reacting to output pulses of the pulse generator.

5 20. The method according to claim 19, wherein the step of controlling the motor driving circuit comprises:

measuring a pulse interval of output pulses of the pulse generator;

calculating a rotational speed of the rotor based on the pulse interval;

comparing the rotational speed of the rotor with a target rotational speed of the rotor;

and

10 controlling a drive output signal of the motor driving circuit by performing chopping control such that the rotational speed of the rotor reaches the target rotational speed.

21. The method according to claim 20, wherein the step of controlling the motor driving circuit further comprises:

15 suppressing an invalid rotational speed detection result when a chopping operation is performed.

22. The method according to claim 19, wherein the step of controlling the motor driving circuit comprises:

counting a pulse number of output pulses of the pulse generator;

calculating a cumulative rotation number of the rotor based on the pulse number;

20 calculating a remaining rotation number based on the cumulative rotation number subtracted from a target cumulative rotation number; and

generating and applying motor control signals to the motor driving circuit based on the remaining rotation number.

25 23. A method for controlling rotational operations of a direct current motor, comprising:

applying an initial drive voltage as a direct current drive voltage to a pair of electrode brushes to start a rotation of the direct current motor;

detecting a rotation of the direct current motor using at least one rotation detecting

brush;

differentiating a voltage obtained through the at least one rotation detecting brush;

triggering a pulse generator by the differentiated voltage;

5 generating pulses each having a predetermined pulse width based on the triggering of the pulse generator;

measuring a pulse interval of output pulses of the pulse generator;

calculating a current rotational speed of the direct current motor based on the pulse interval;

10 comparing the current rotational speed of the direct current motor with a first target rotational speed of the direct current motor; and

adjusting the direct current drive voltage in accordance with a comparison result.

24. The method according to claim 23, wherein the step of adjusting comprises:

increasing the drive voltage when the current rotational speed is lower than the first target rotational speed.

15 25. The method according to claim 23, wherein the step of adjusting comprises:

decreasing the drive voltage when the current rotational speed is greater than the first target rotational speed.

26. The method according to claim 23, further comprising:

20 reducing the drive voltage to the pair of electrode brushes to correspond to a second target rotational speed when the current rotational speed reaches the first target rotational speed.

27. The method according to claim 23, further comprising:

25 reducing the drive voltage to the pair of electrode brushes to correspond to a second target rotational speed when a cumulative rotation number reaches a predetermined rotation number.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A direct current motor rotation detecting apparatus and a direct current motor rotation control apparatus detect and control at least one of a rotational direction, a rotational speed, a rotational position, and a cumulative rotation number of a rotor of a direct current motor.

- 5 The apparatus include at least one rotation detecting brush which detects a rotation of the rotor, a differentiating circuit which differentiates a voltage obtained through the at least one rotation detecting brush, and a pulse generator triggered by the differentiating circuit at a time interval proportional to a rotational speed of the direct current motor to generate pulses having a predetermined pulse width.

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FIG. 1

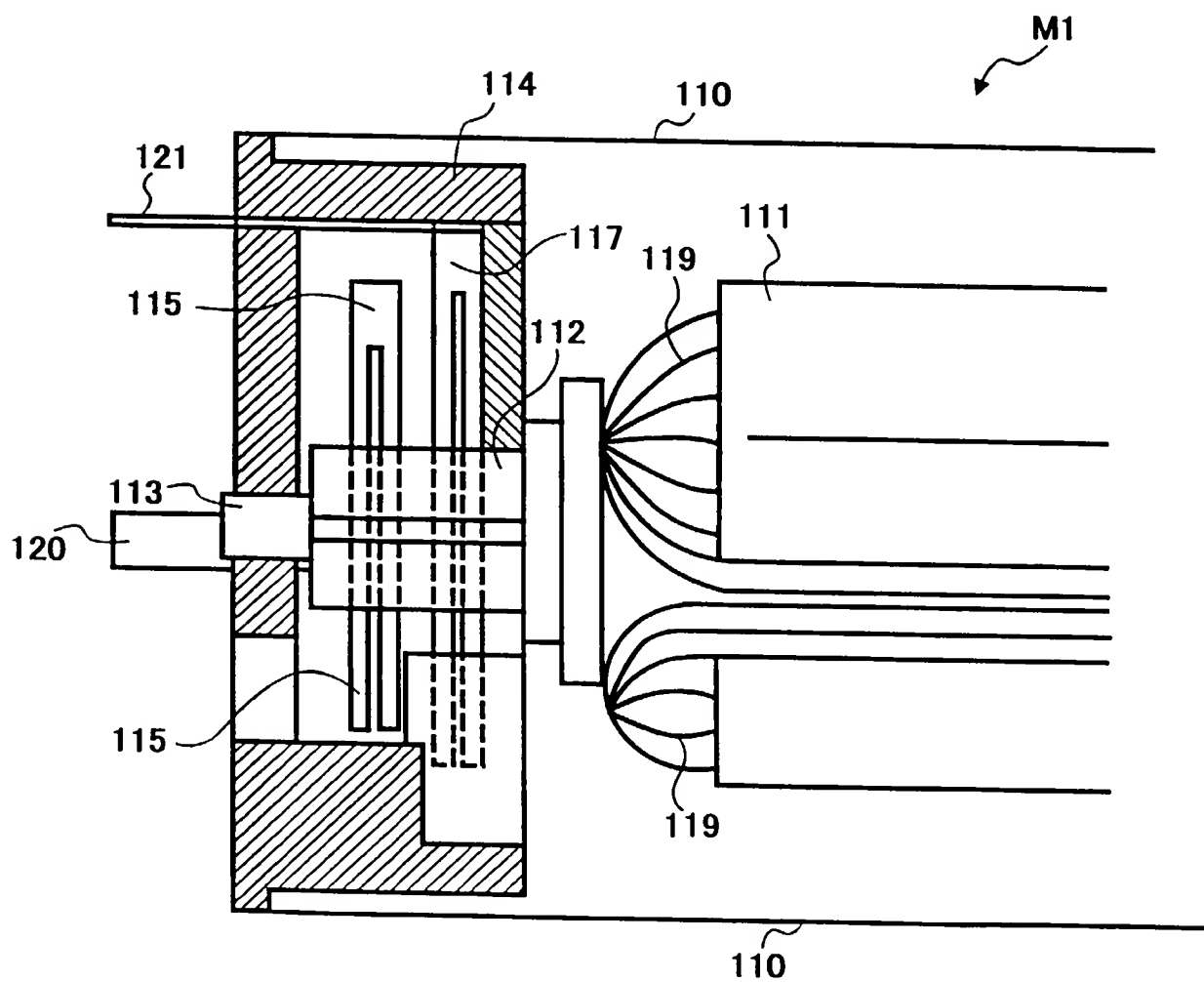


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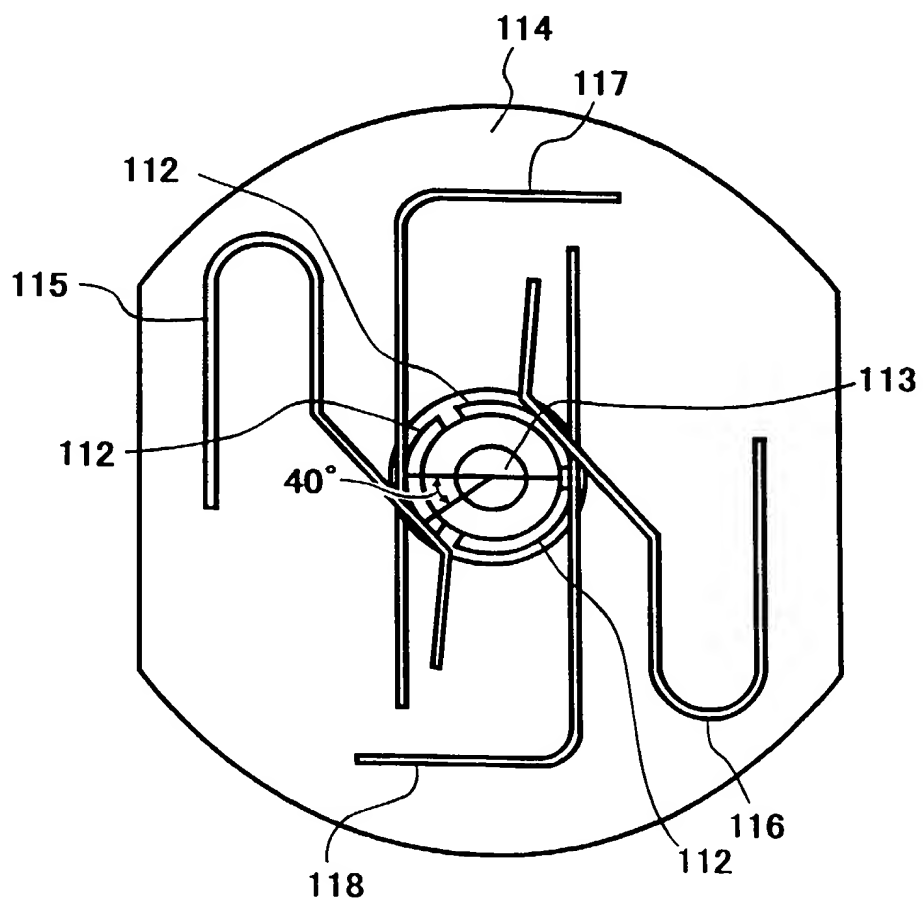


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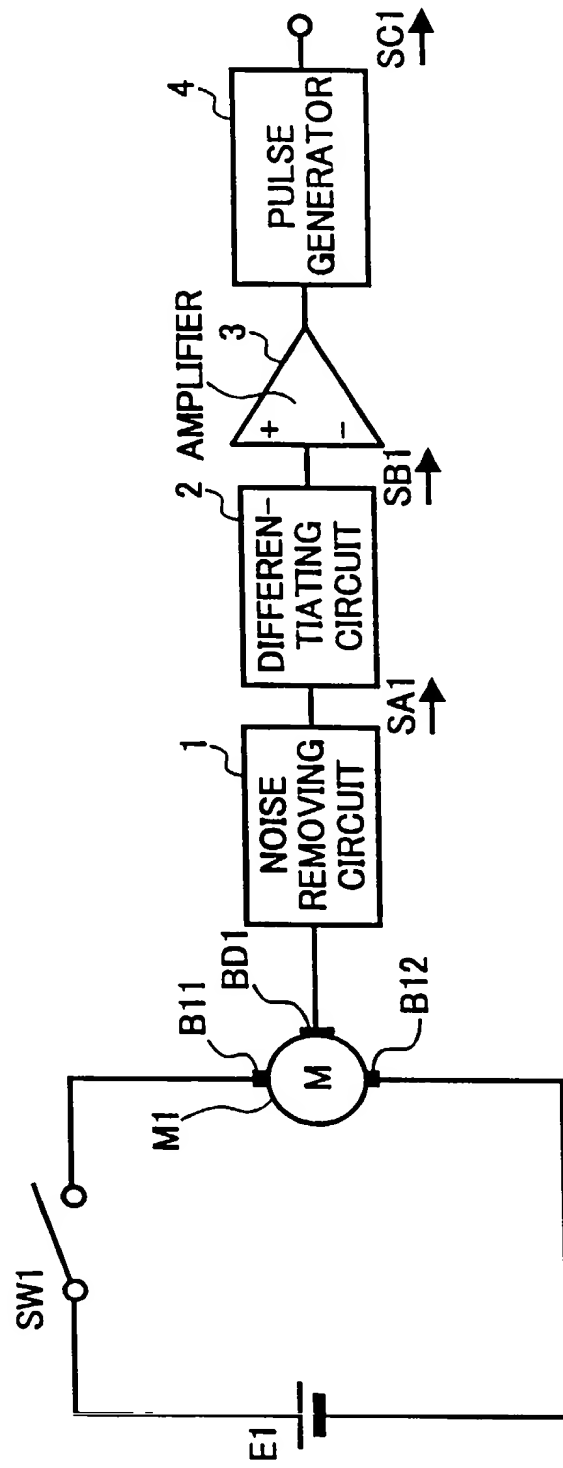


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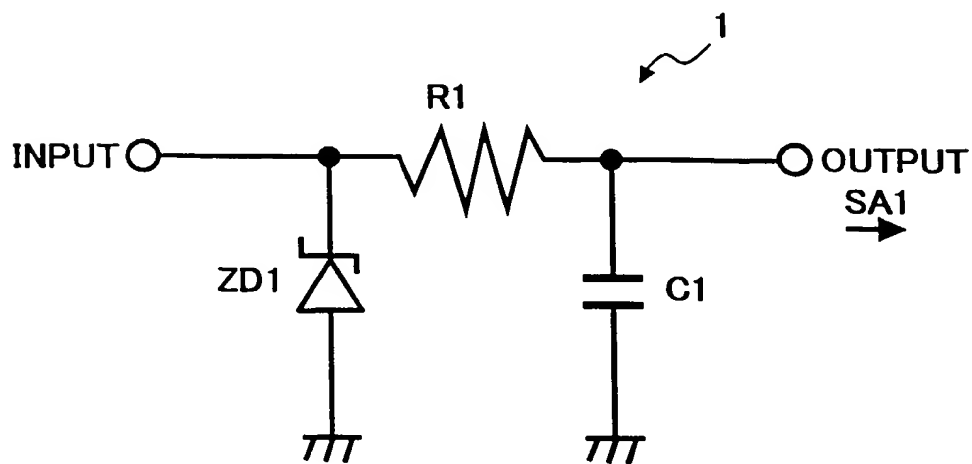


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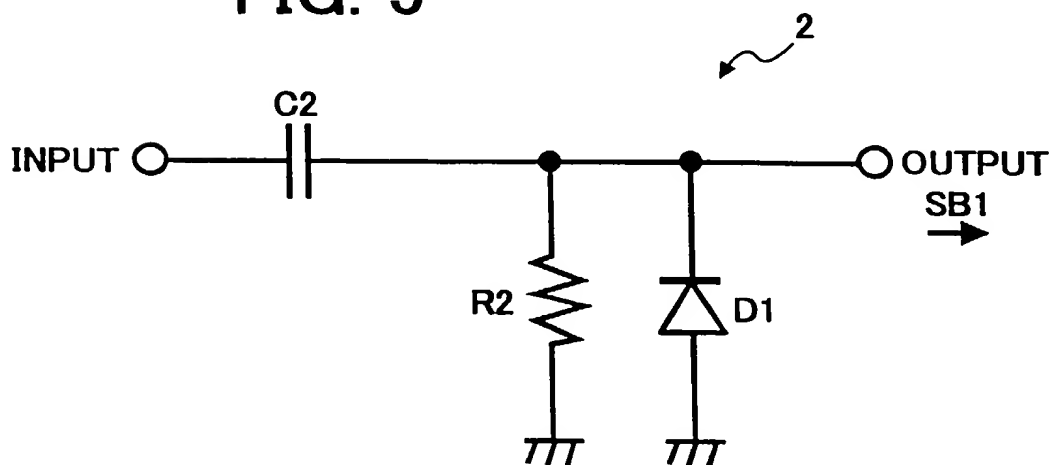


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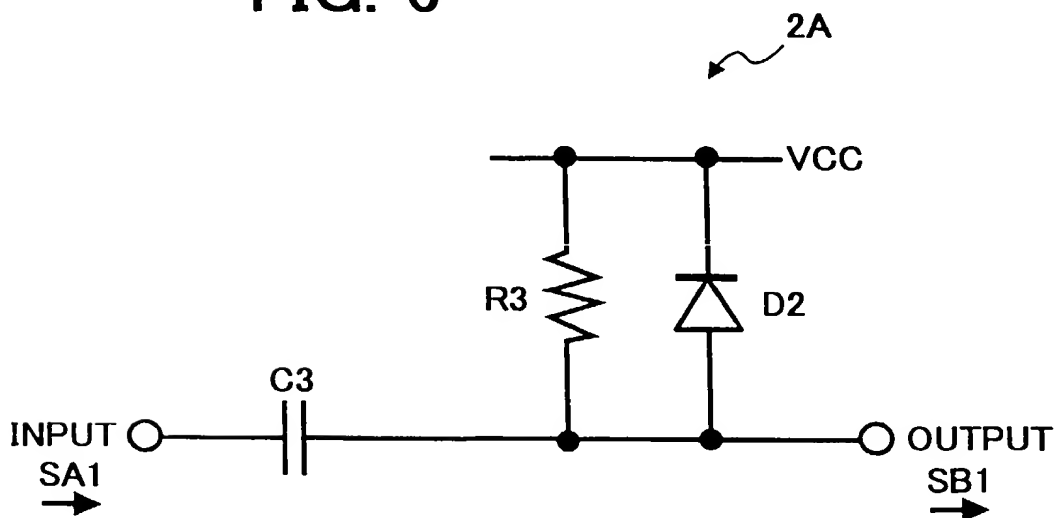


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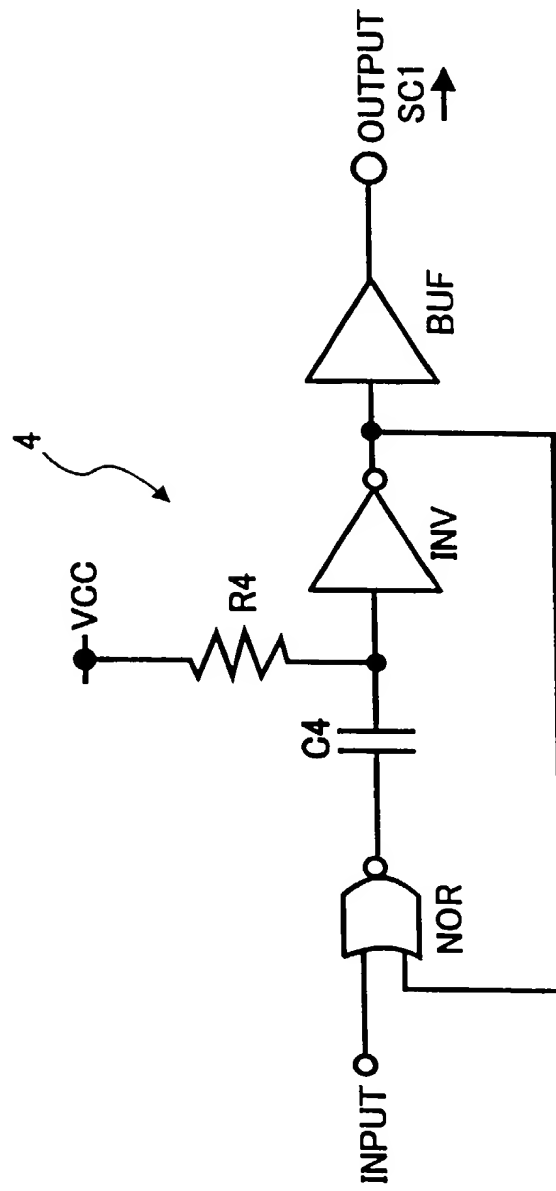


FIG. 8A

ROTATION DETECTING BRUSH
OUTPUT SIGNAL
(AFTER REMOVING NOISE)

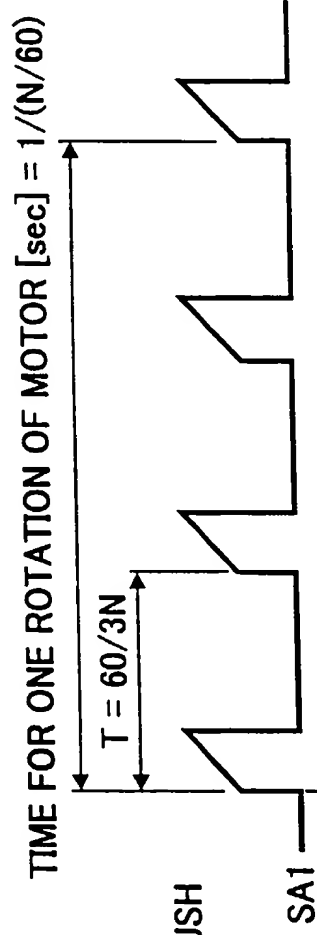


FIG. 8B

DIFFERENTIATING CIRCUIT
OUTPUT SIGNAL



FIG. 8C

PULSE GENERATOR
OUTPUT SIGNAL

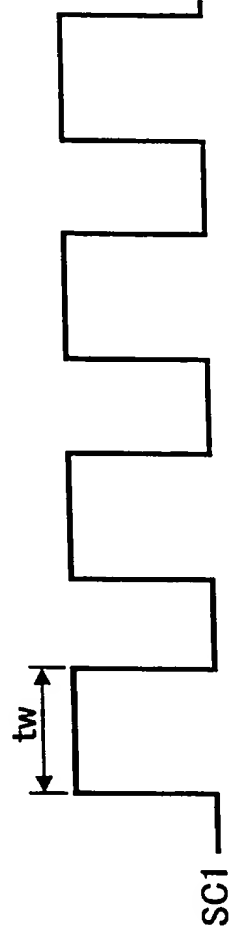
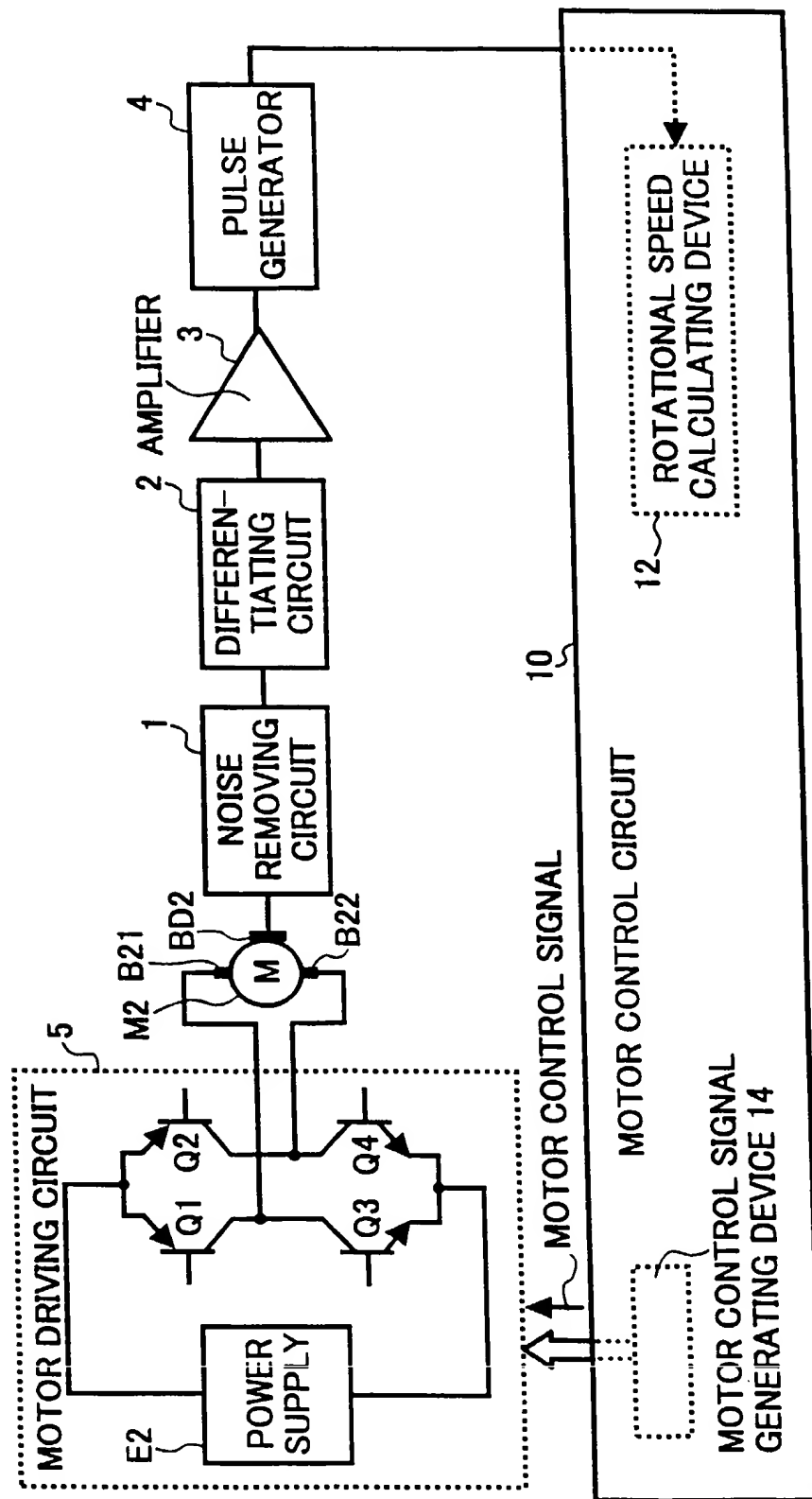


FIG. 9



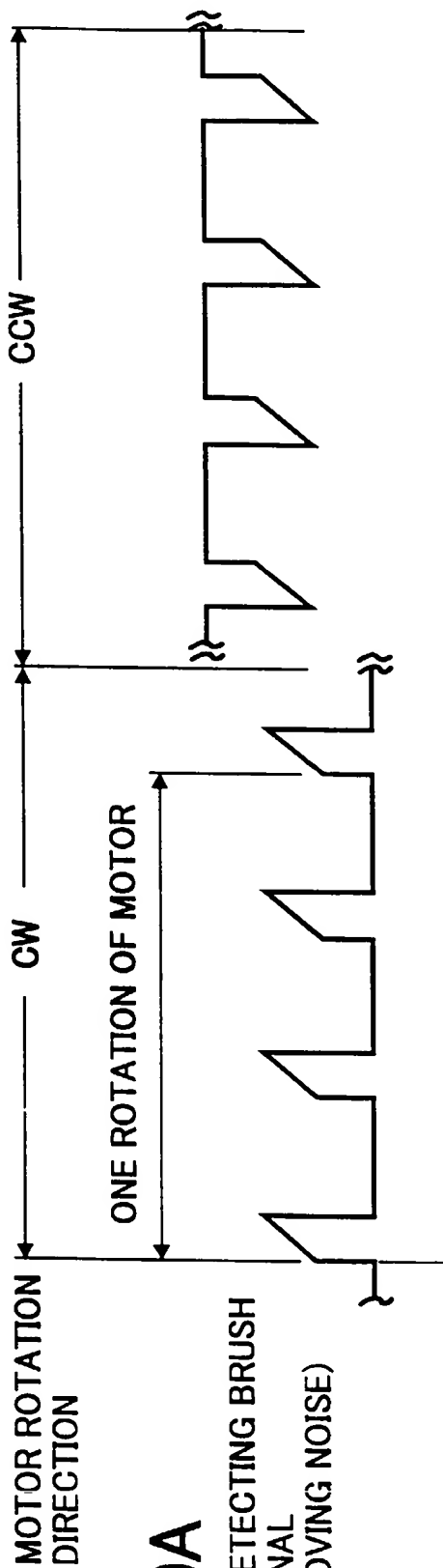


FIG. 10A

ROTATION DETECTING BRUSH
OUTPUT SIGNAL
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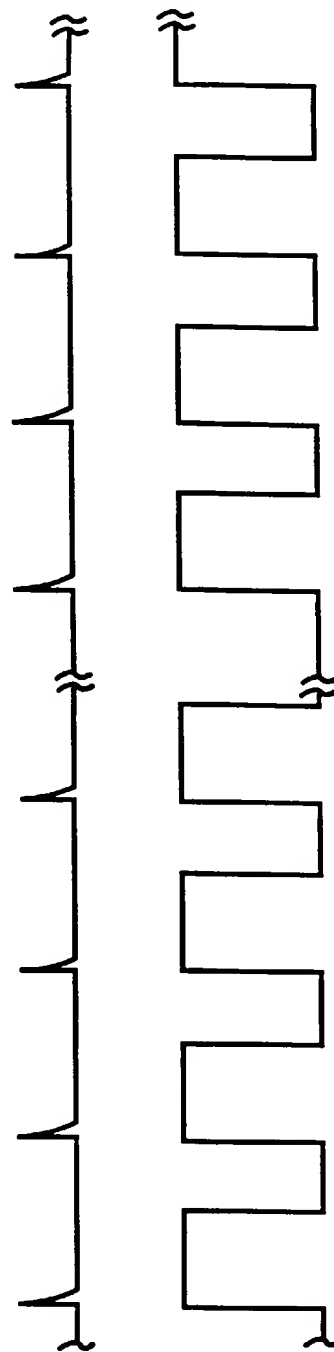


FIG. 10B

DIFFERENTIATING CIRCUIT
OUTPUT SIGNAL

FIG. 10C

PULSE GENERATOR
OUTPUT SIGNAL

FIG. 11

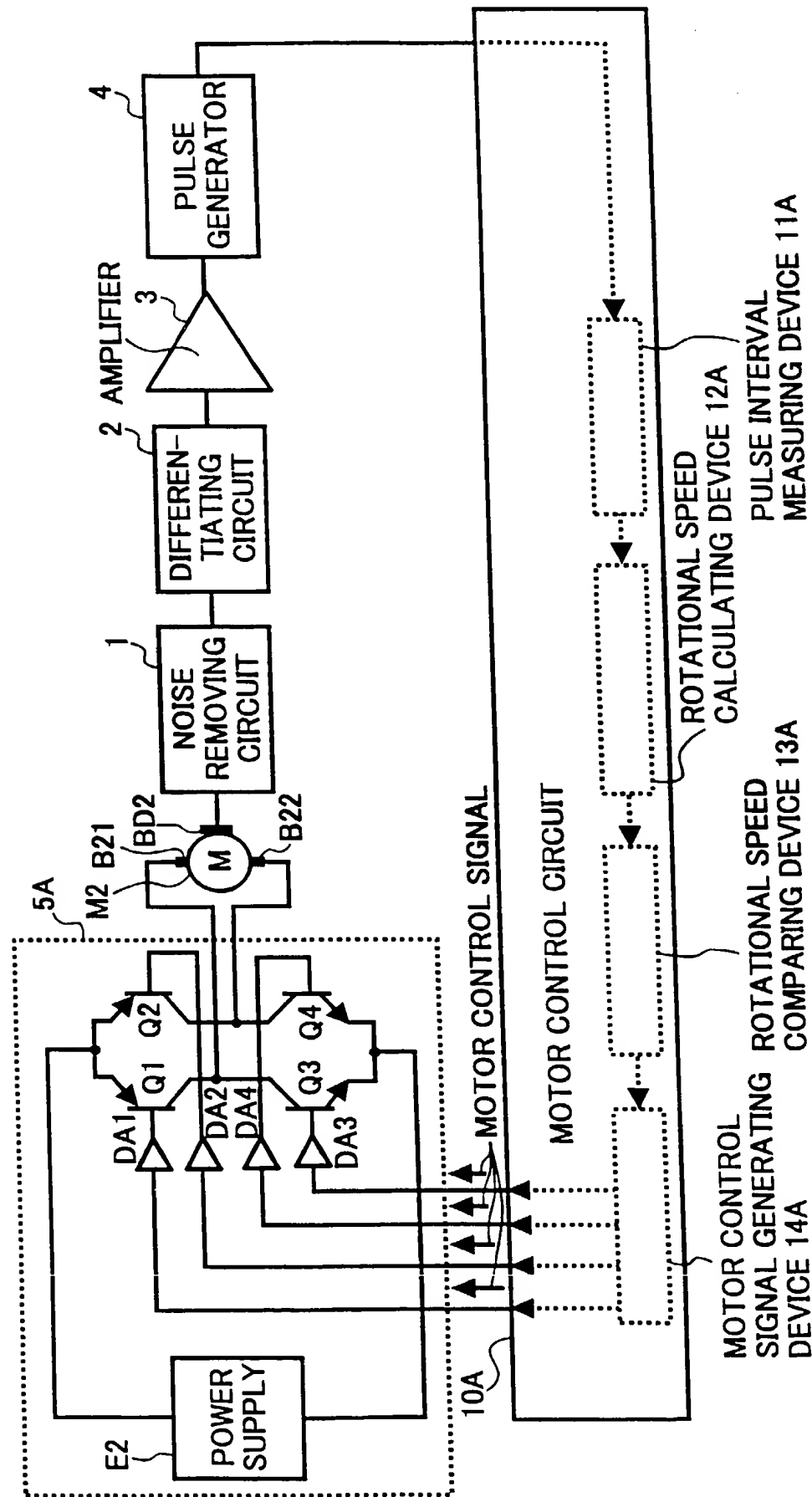


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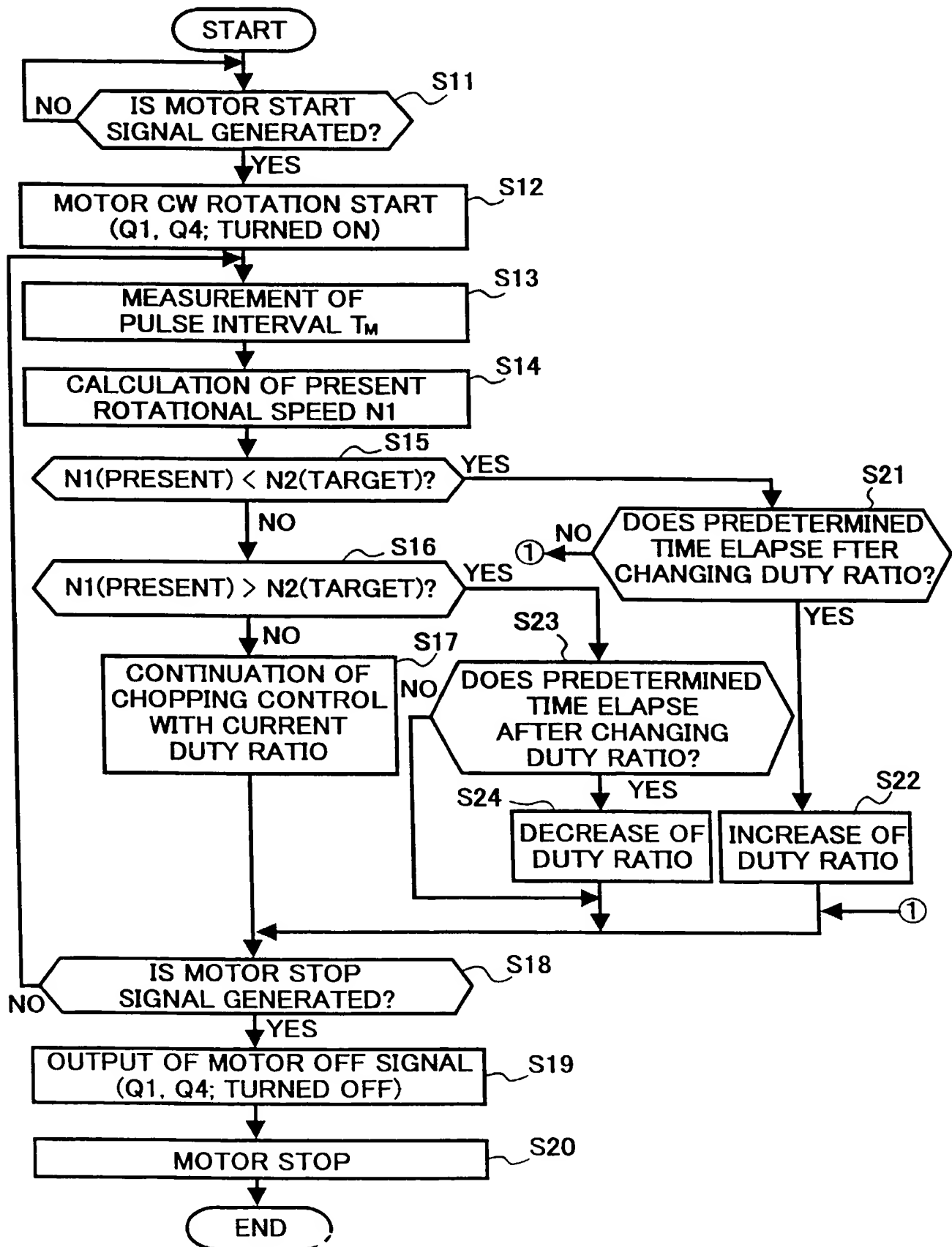


FIG. 13A

TRANSISTOR Q1
ON/OFF CONTROL SIGNAL

FIG. 13B

TRANSISTOR Q4
ON/OFF CONTROL SIGNAL

FIG. 13C

DIFFERENTIATING CIRCUIT
INPUT SIGNAL
(ROTATION DETECTING
BRUSH OUTPUT SIGNAL)

FIG. 13D

PULSE GENERATOR
OUTPUT SIGNAL

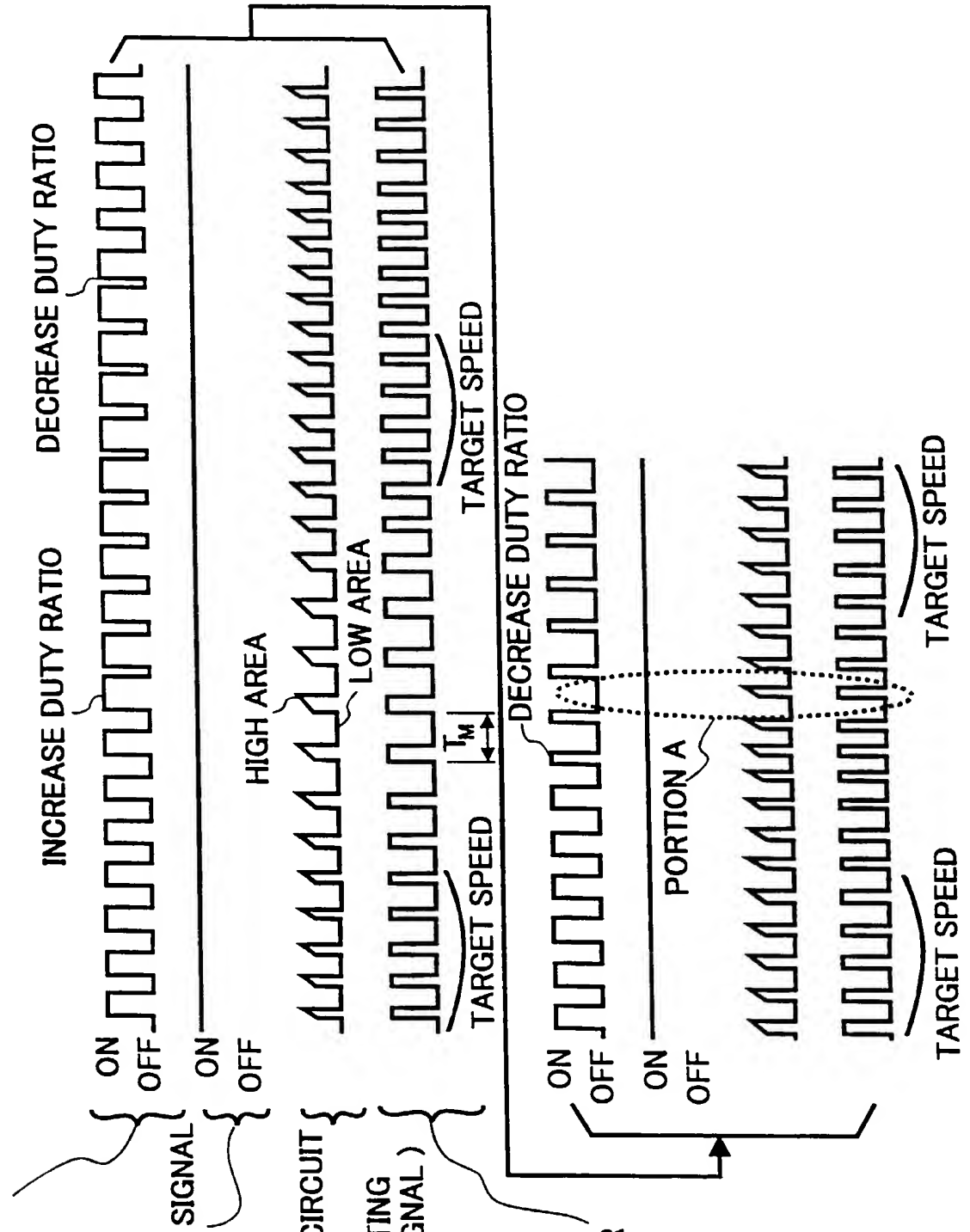


FIG. 14A

$$T_M = T_{AX} \times \text{COUNT NUMBER}$$

PULSE GENERATOR
OUTPUT SIGNAL
(ROTATION SIGNAL PULSE)

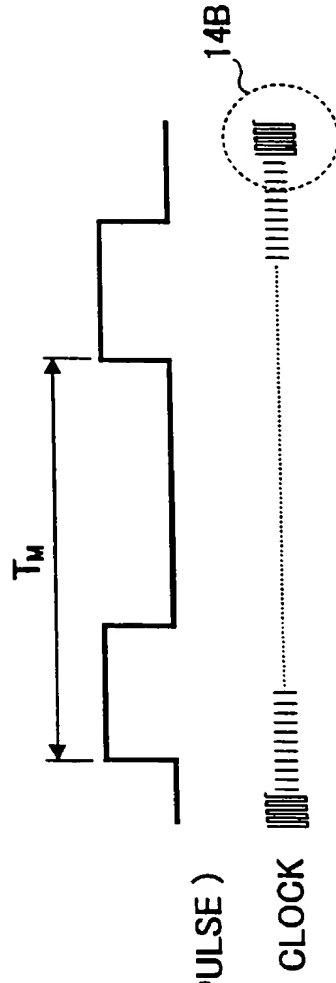


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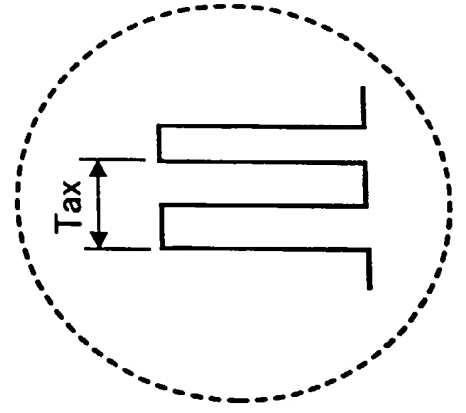


Diagram illustrating a motor speed control system, showing the following components and their interconnections:

- Power Supply (E2)**: Provides power to the Motor Control Signal (10B) and the Motor Control Circuit (5B).
- Motor Control Signal (10B)**: A signal line connecting the Power Supply (E2) to the Motor Control Circuit (5B) and the Motor Control Signal Generating Device (14B).
- Motor Control Circuit (5B)**: A bridge rectifier circuit containing four thyristors (Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4) and four diodes (B21, B22). It is connected to the Motor (M).
- Motor (M)**: The motor being controlled, connected to the Motor Control Circuit (5B).
- Noise Removing Circuit (1)**: Receives input from the Motor Control Circuit (5B) and outputs to the Differencing Circuit (2).
- Differencing Circuit (2)**: Receives input from the Noise Removing Circuit (1) and outputs to the Amplifier (3).
- Amplifier (3)**: Receives input from the Differencing Circuit (2) and outputs to the Pulse Generator (4).
- Pulse Generator (4)**: Receives input from the Amplifier (3) and outputs to the Motor Control Circuit (5B).
- Motor Control Signal Generating Device (14B)**: Receives input from the Motor Control Signal (10B) and outputs to the Motor Control Circuit (5B).
- Rotational Speed Comparing Device (13B)**: Receives input from the Motor Control Signal (10B) and outputs to the Rotational Speed Calculating Device (12B).
- Rotational Speed Calculating Device (12B)**: Receives input from the Rotational Speed Comparing Device (13B) and outputs to the Pulse Interval Measuring Device (11B).
- Pulse Interval Measuring Device (11B)**: Receives input from the Rotational Speed Calculating Device (12B) and outputs to the Motor Control Signal (10B).

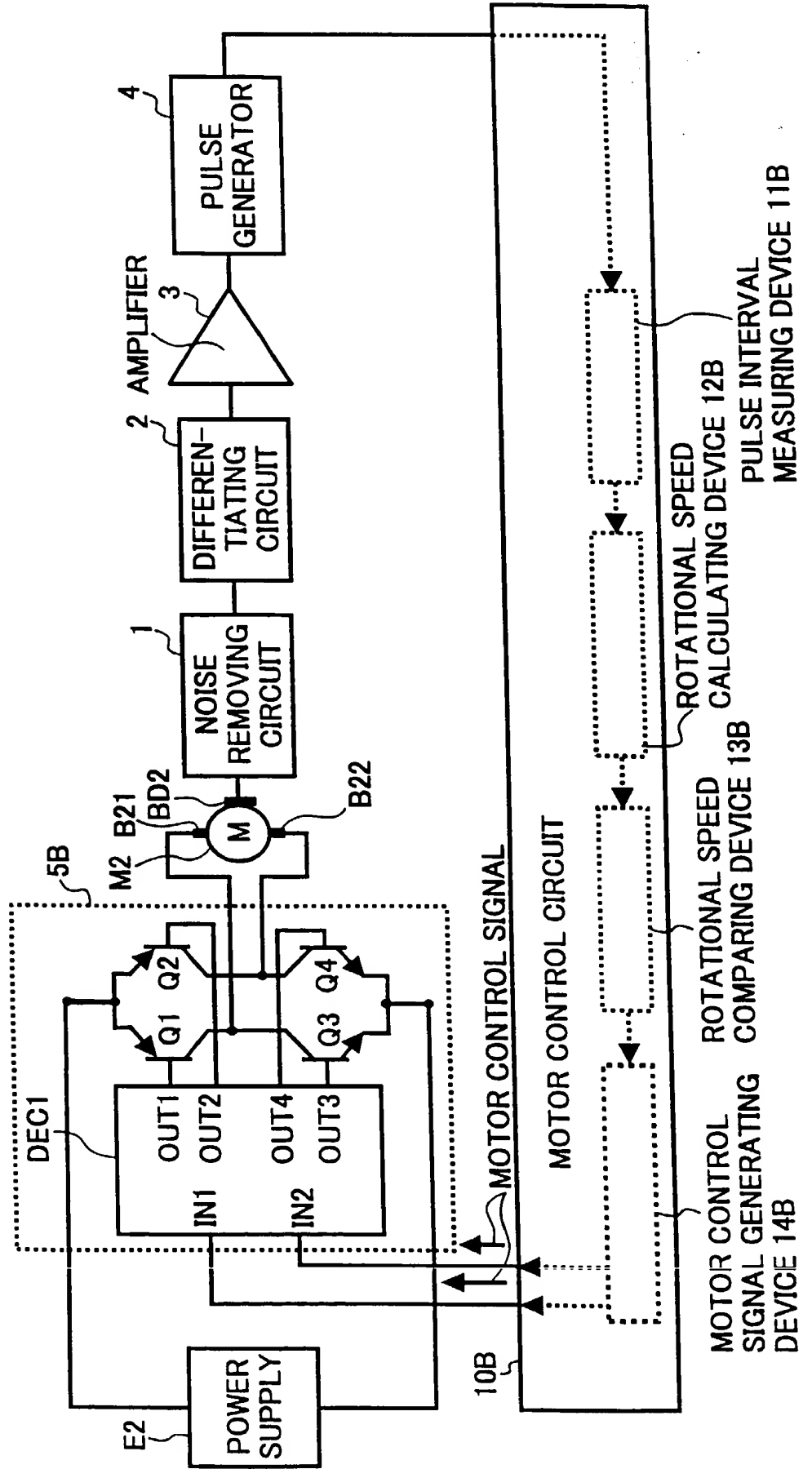
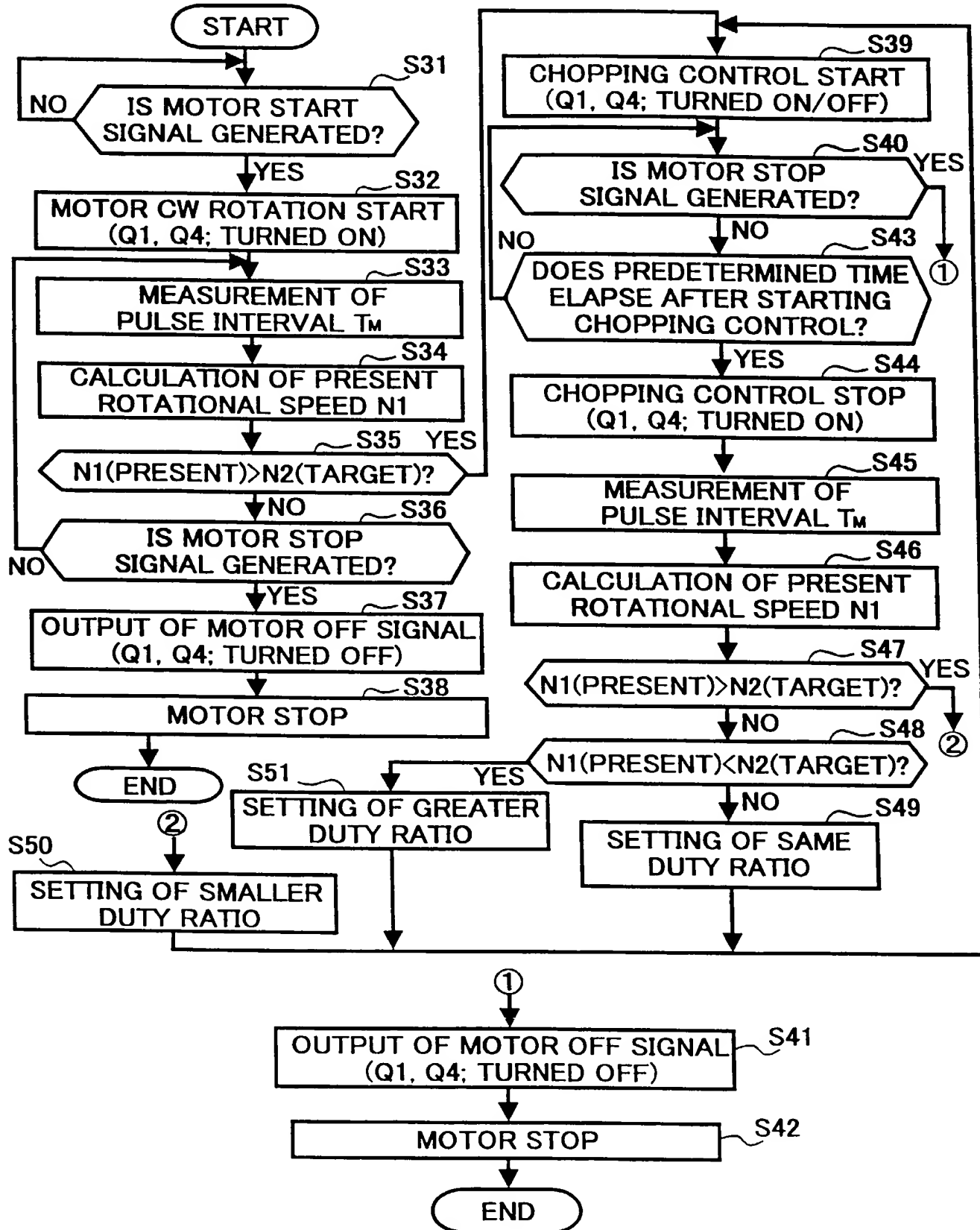


FIG. 16

IN1	IN2	OUT1	OUT2	OUT3	OUT4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	MOTOR CONDITION
L	L	H	H	L	L	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	STOP
L	H	H	L	H	L	OFF	ON	ON	OFF	CCW ROTATION
H	L	L	H	L	H	ON	OFF	OFF	ON	CW ROTATION
H	H	H	H	H	H	OFF	OFF	ON	ON	BRAKE (SHUNT)

FIG. 17



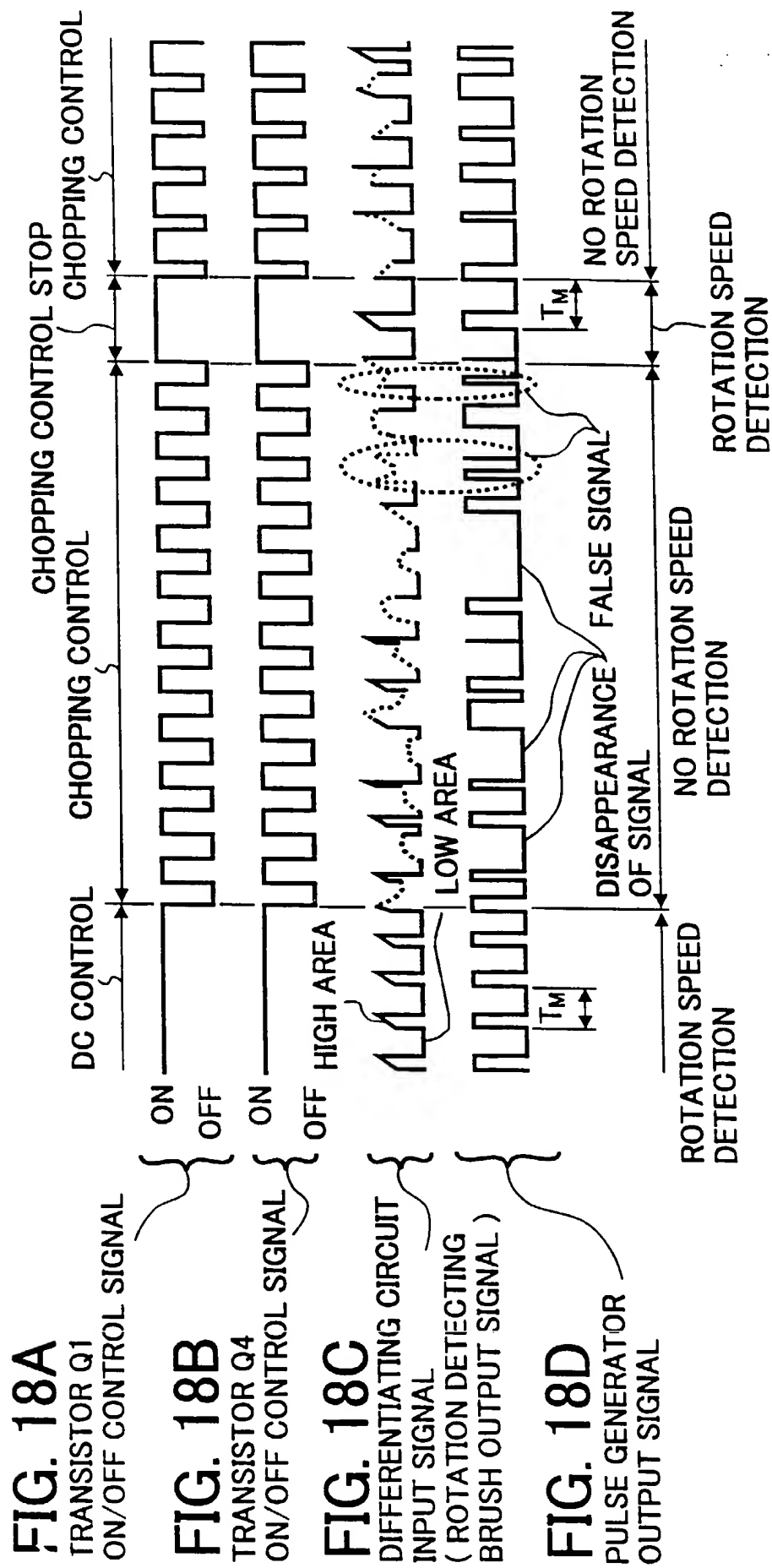


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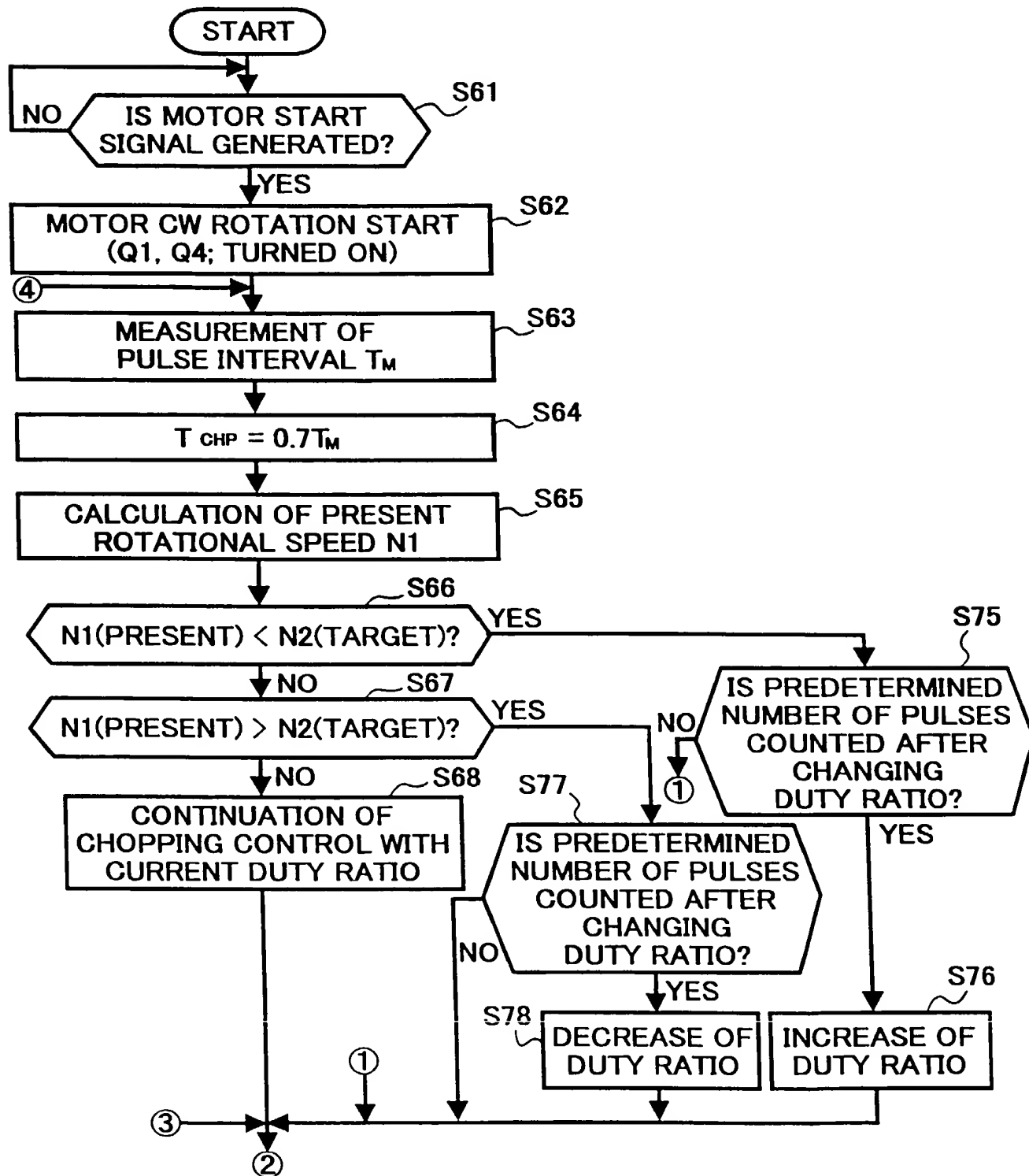


FIG. 19B

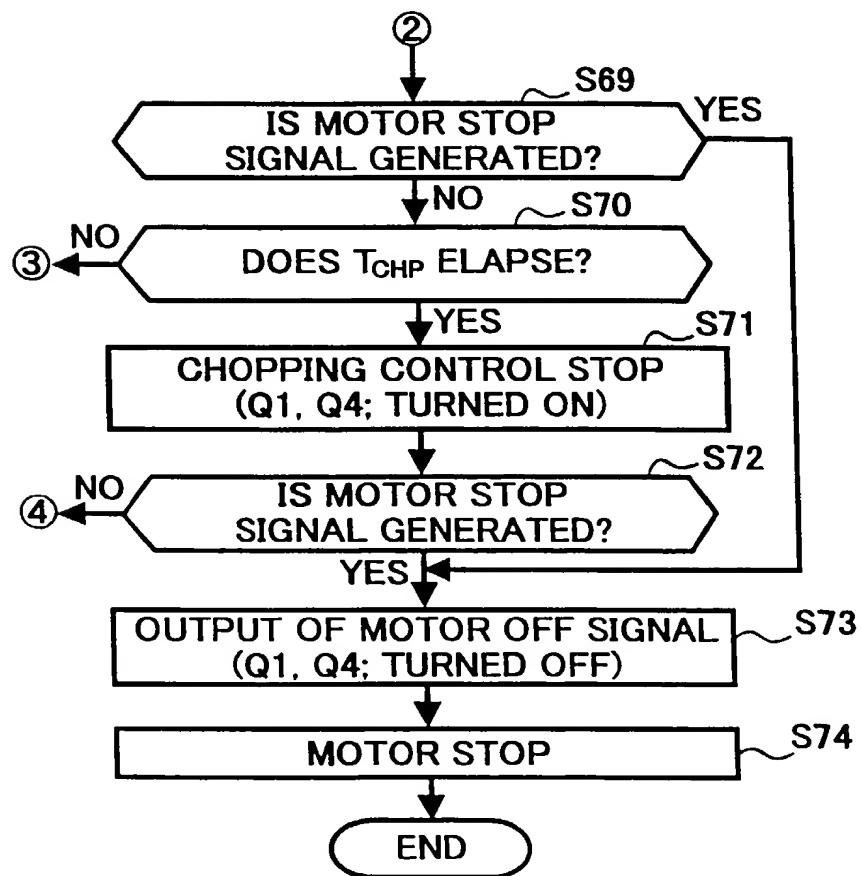


FIG. 20A

TRANSISTOR Q1

ON/OFF CONTROL SIGNAL

ON

OFF

INCREASE
↓ DUTY RATIO



FIG. 20B

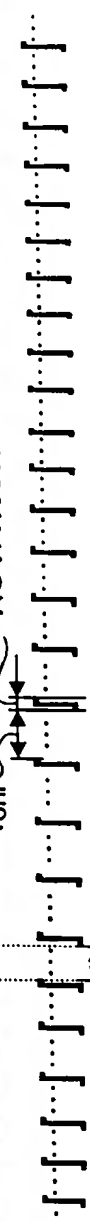
TRANSISTOR Q4

ON/OFF CONTROL SIGNAL

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OFF

ROTATION SIGNAL DETECTION PERIOD



DATA INDEFINITE

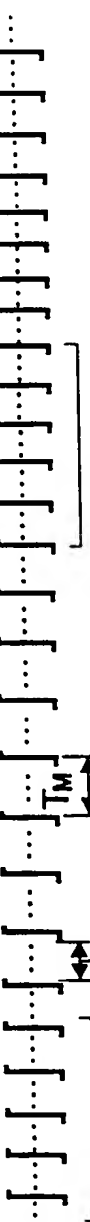
FIG. 20C

DIFFERENTIATING CIRCUIT

INPUT SIGNAL

(ROTATION DETECTING

BRUSH OUTPUT SIGNAL)



TARGET SPEED DATA INDEFINITE

TARGET SPEED

FIG. 20D

PULSE GENERATOR

OUTPUT SIGNAL

DECREASE DUTY RATIO



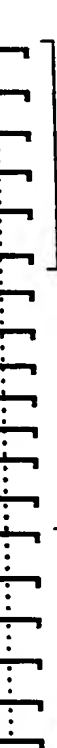
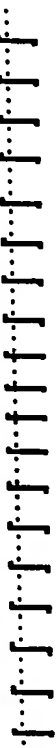
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ON

OFF



TARGET SPEED

TARGET SPEED

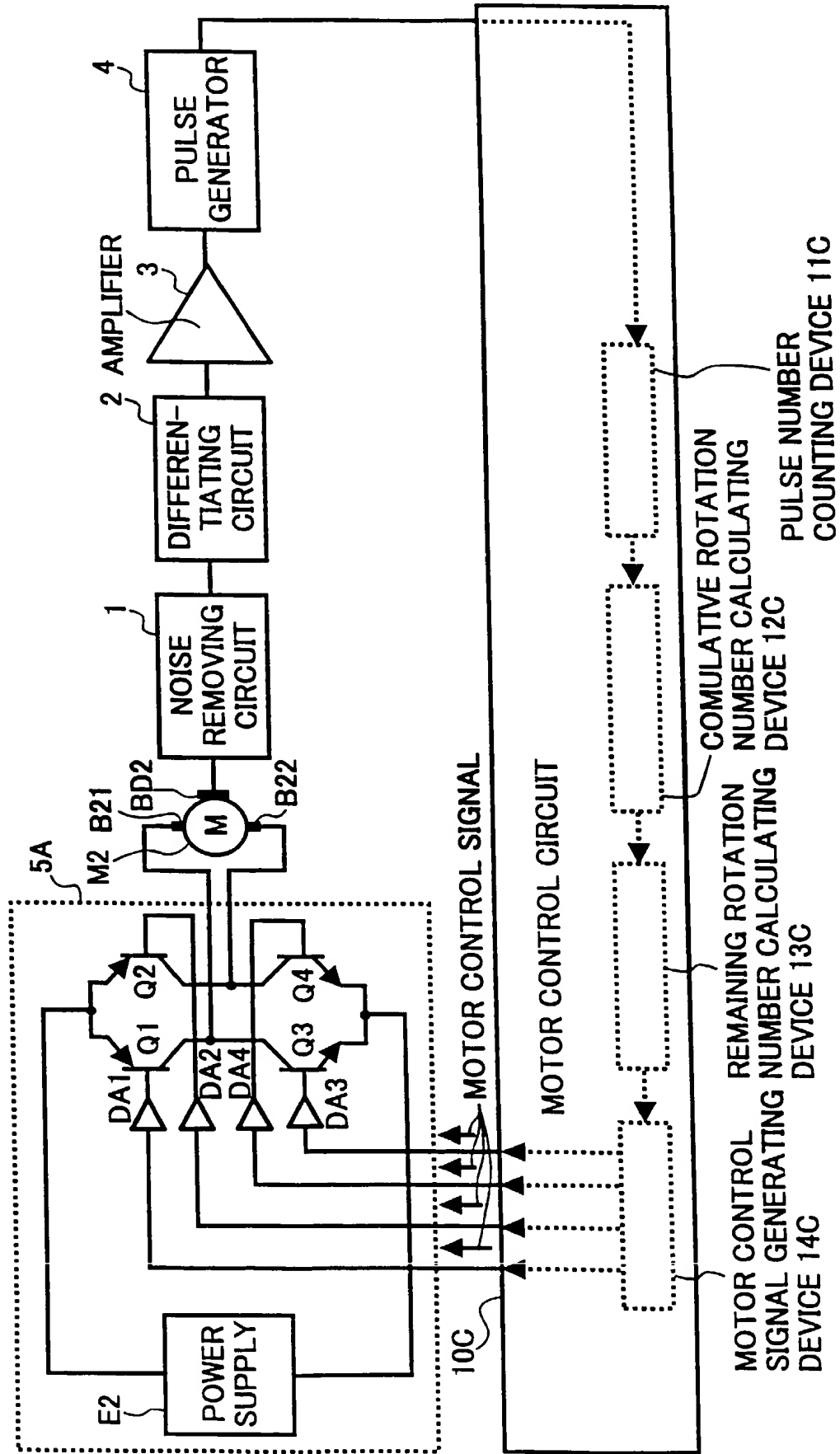


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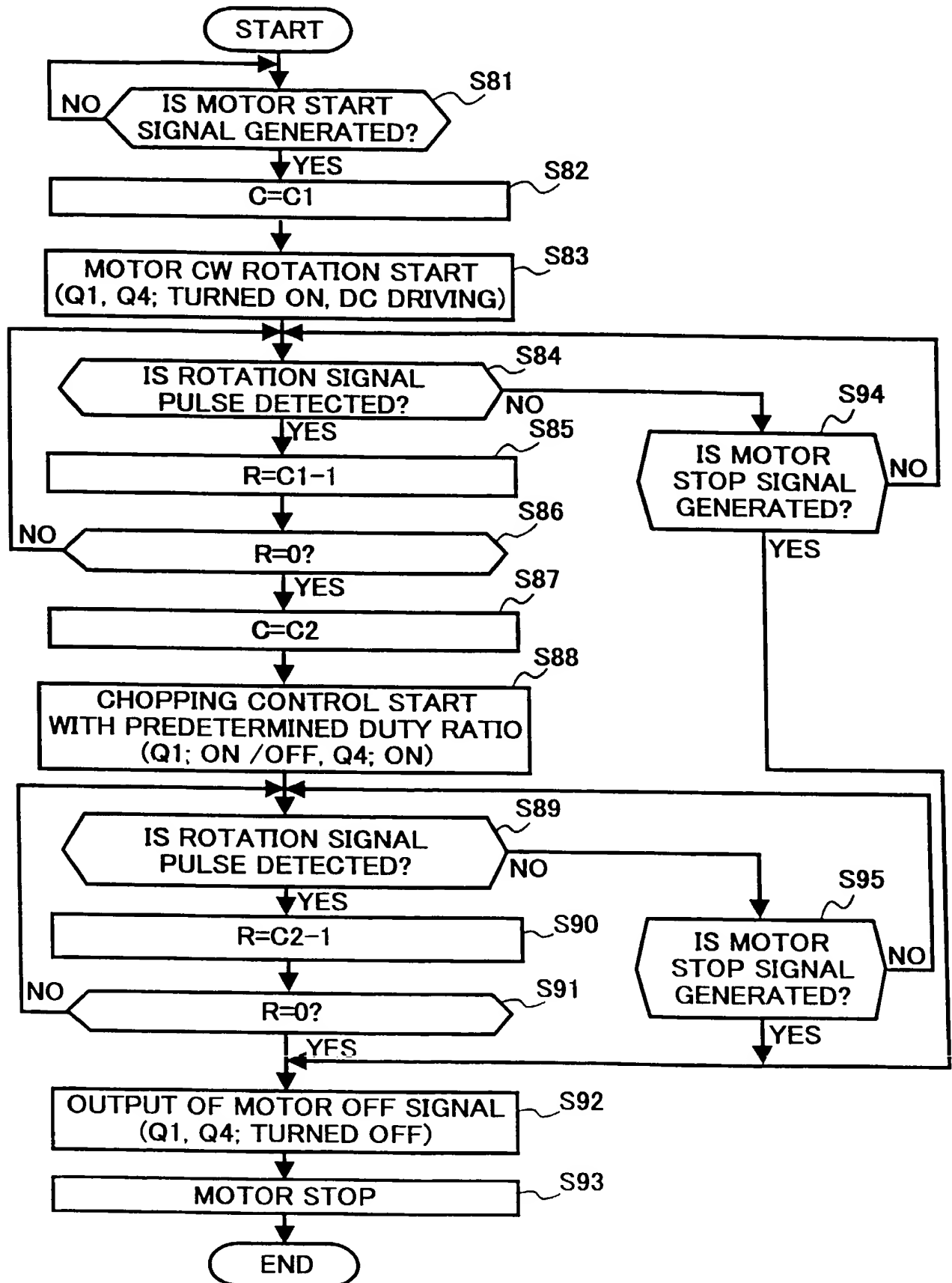


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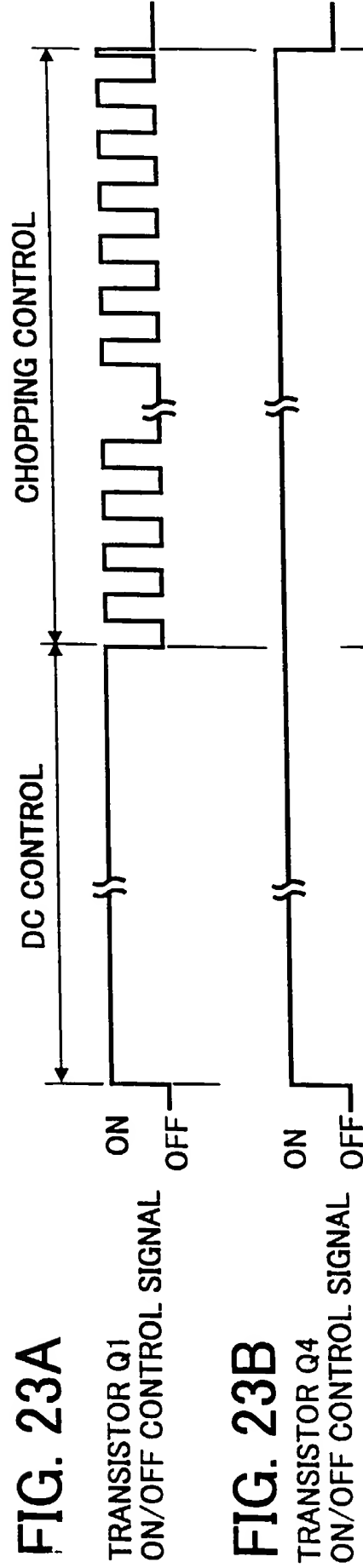


FIG. 23B



FIG. 23C

PULSE GENERATOR
INPUT SIGNAL
(ROTATION DETECTING
BRUSH OUTPUT SIGNAL)

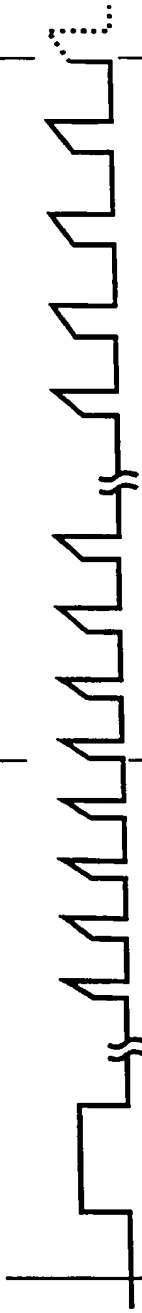


FIG. 23D

PULSE GENERATOR
OUTPUT SIGNAL

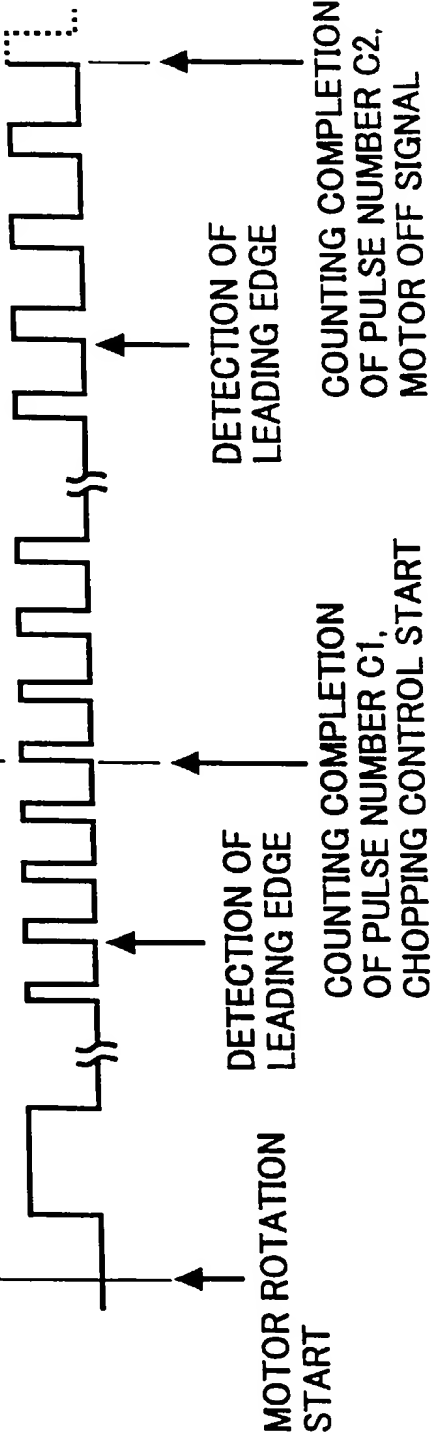


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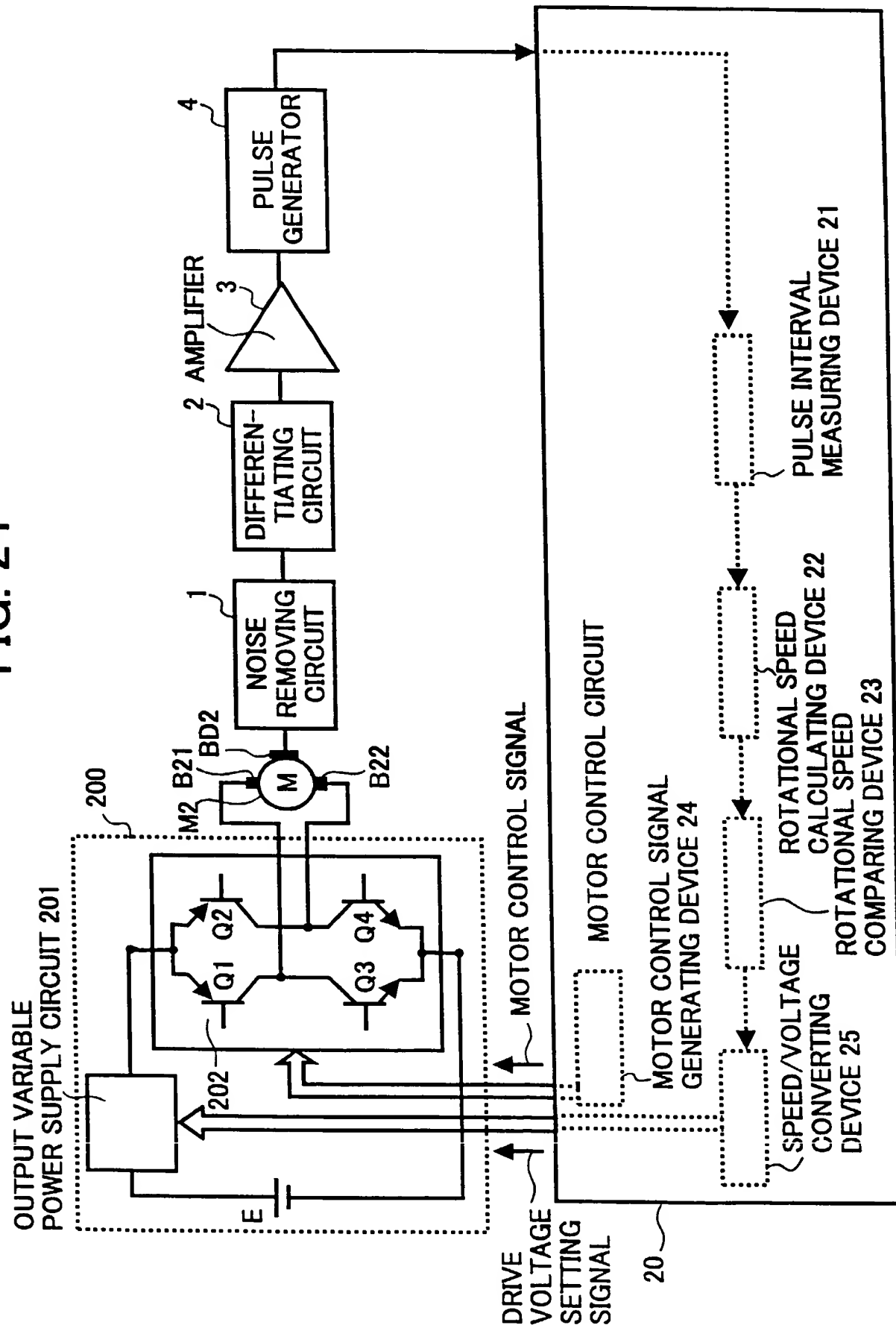


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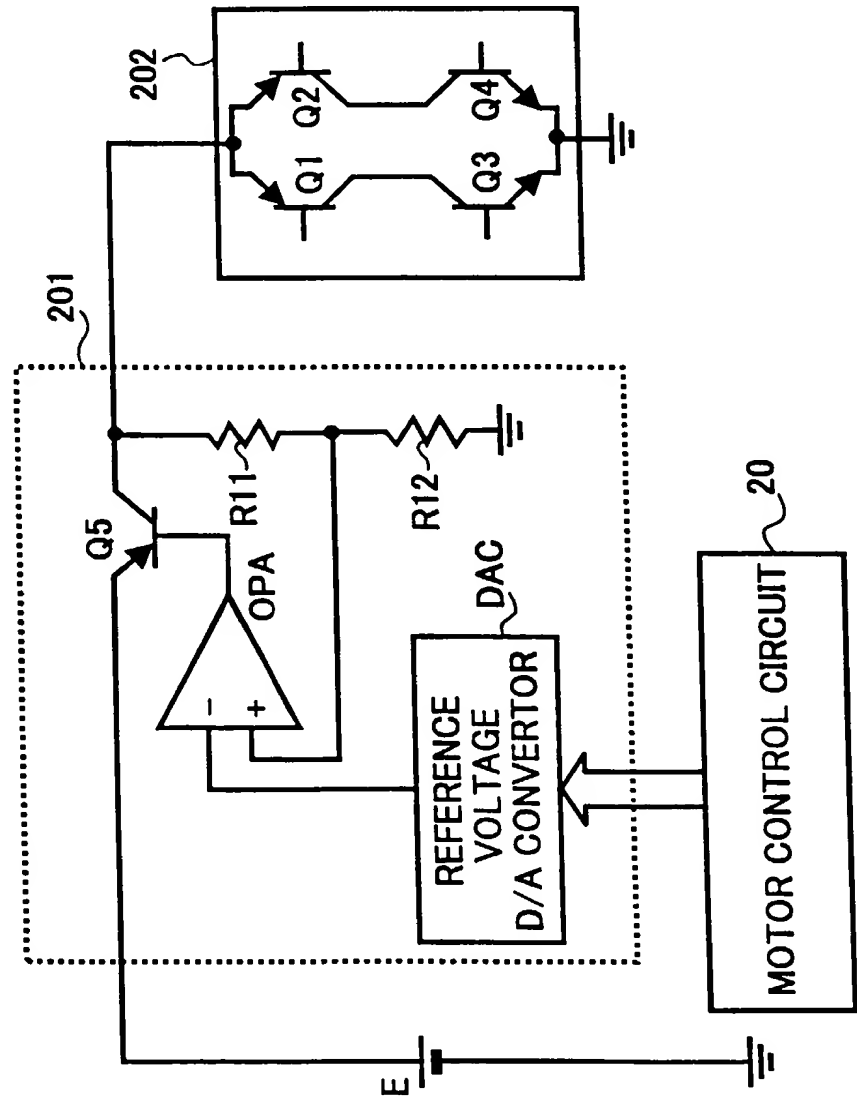
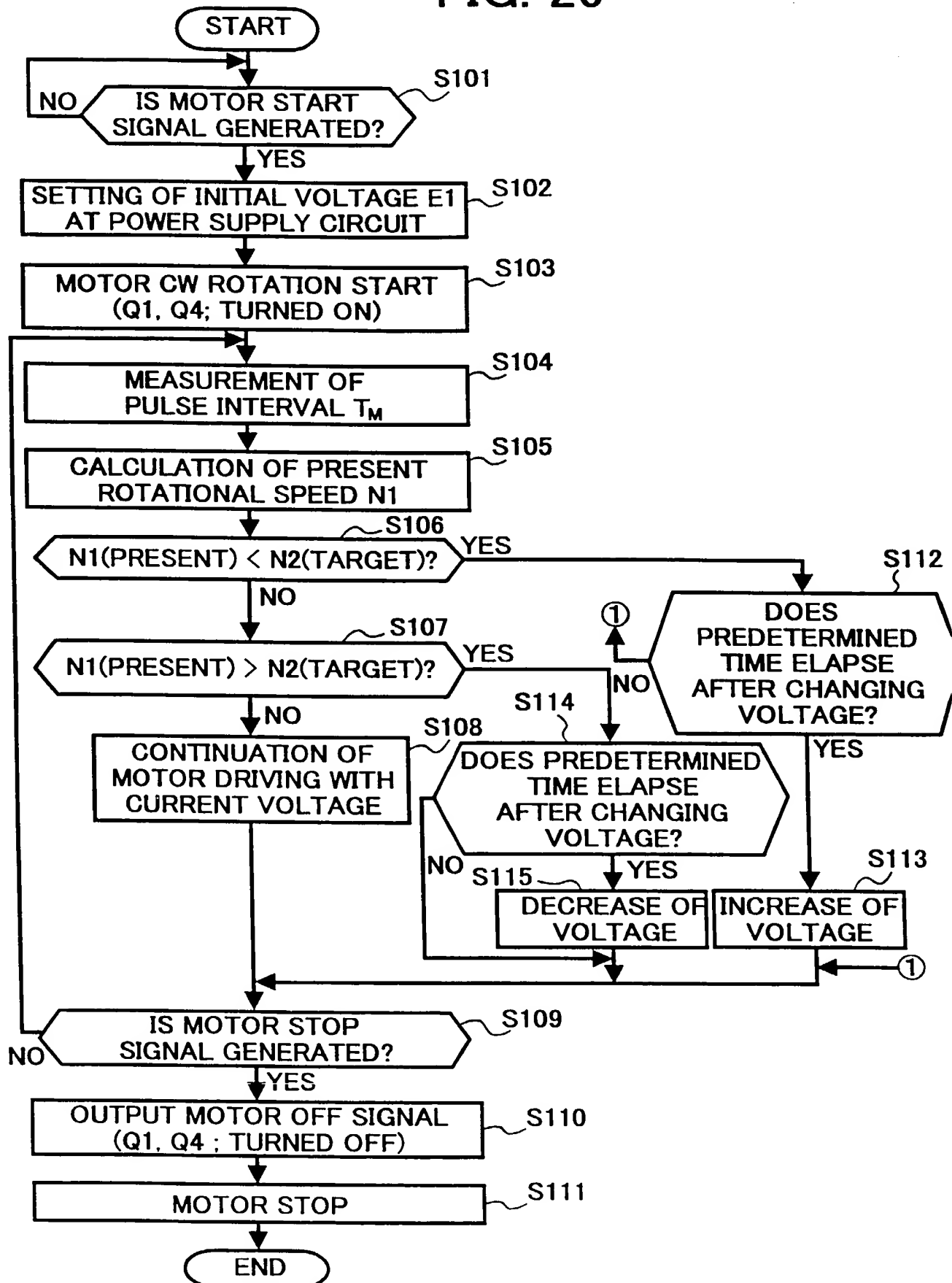


FIG. 26



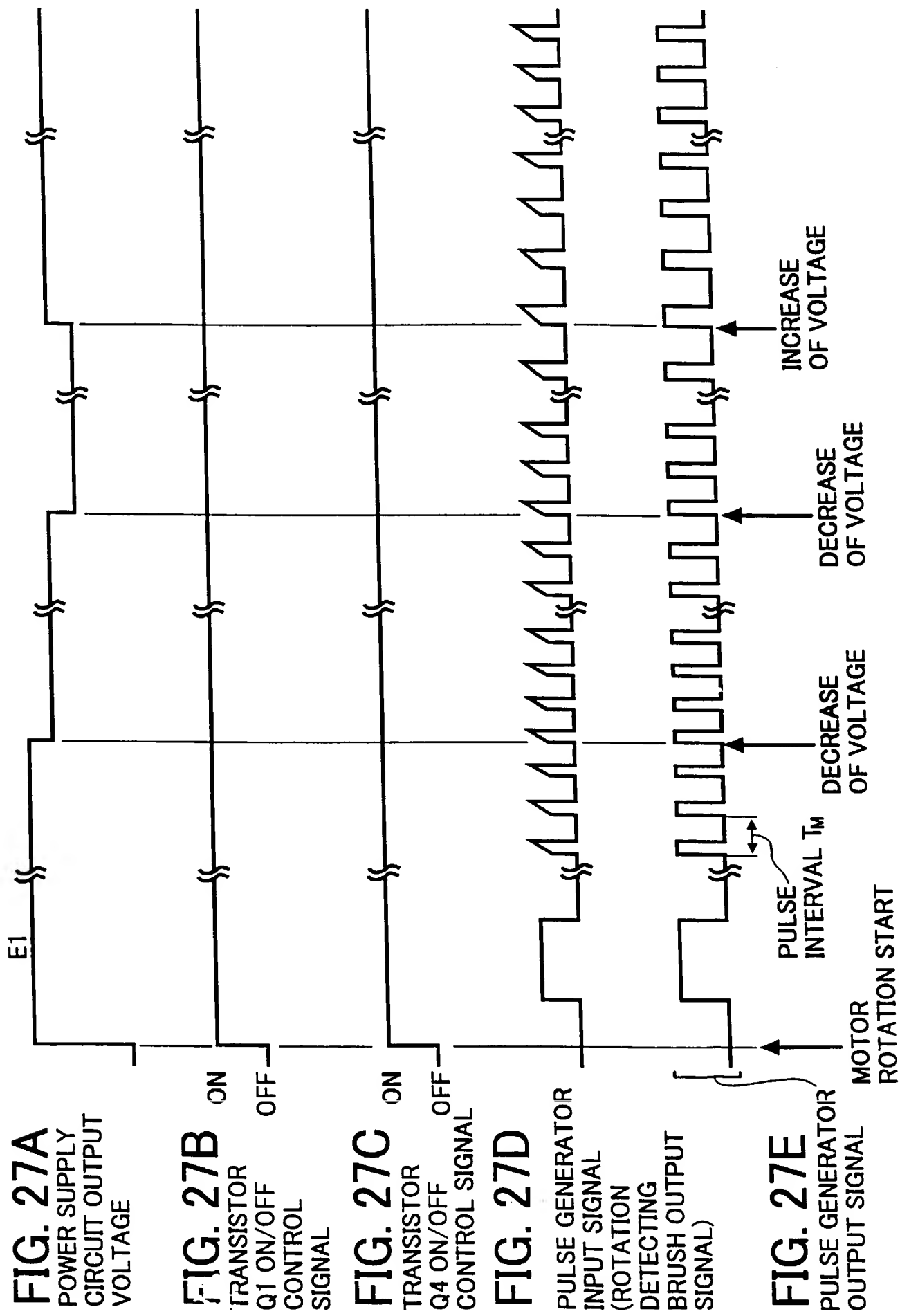


FIG. 28

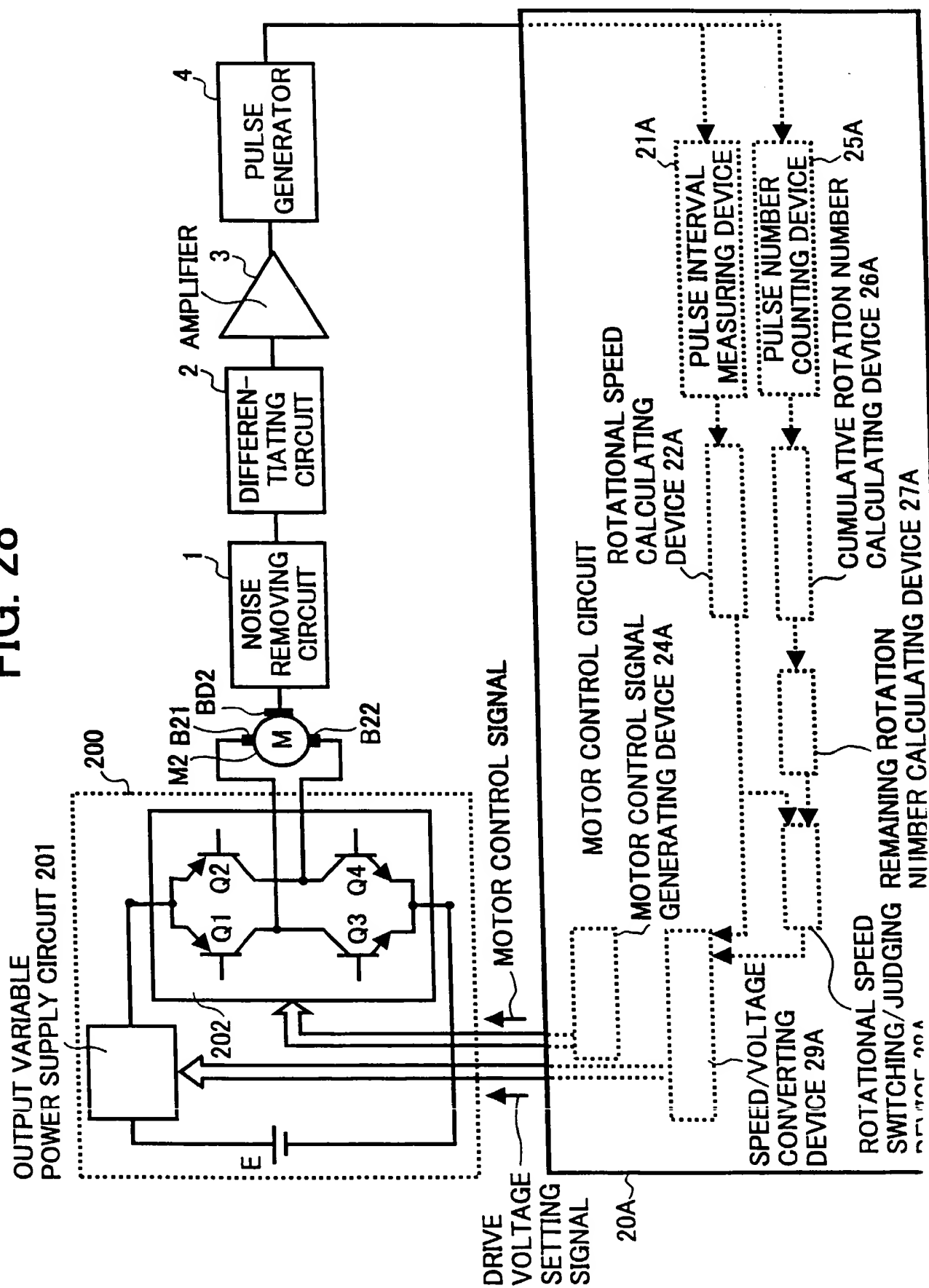


FIG. 29A

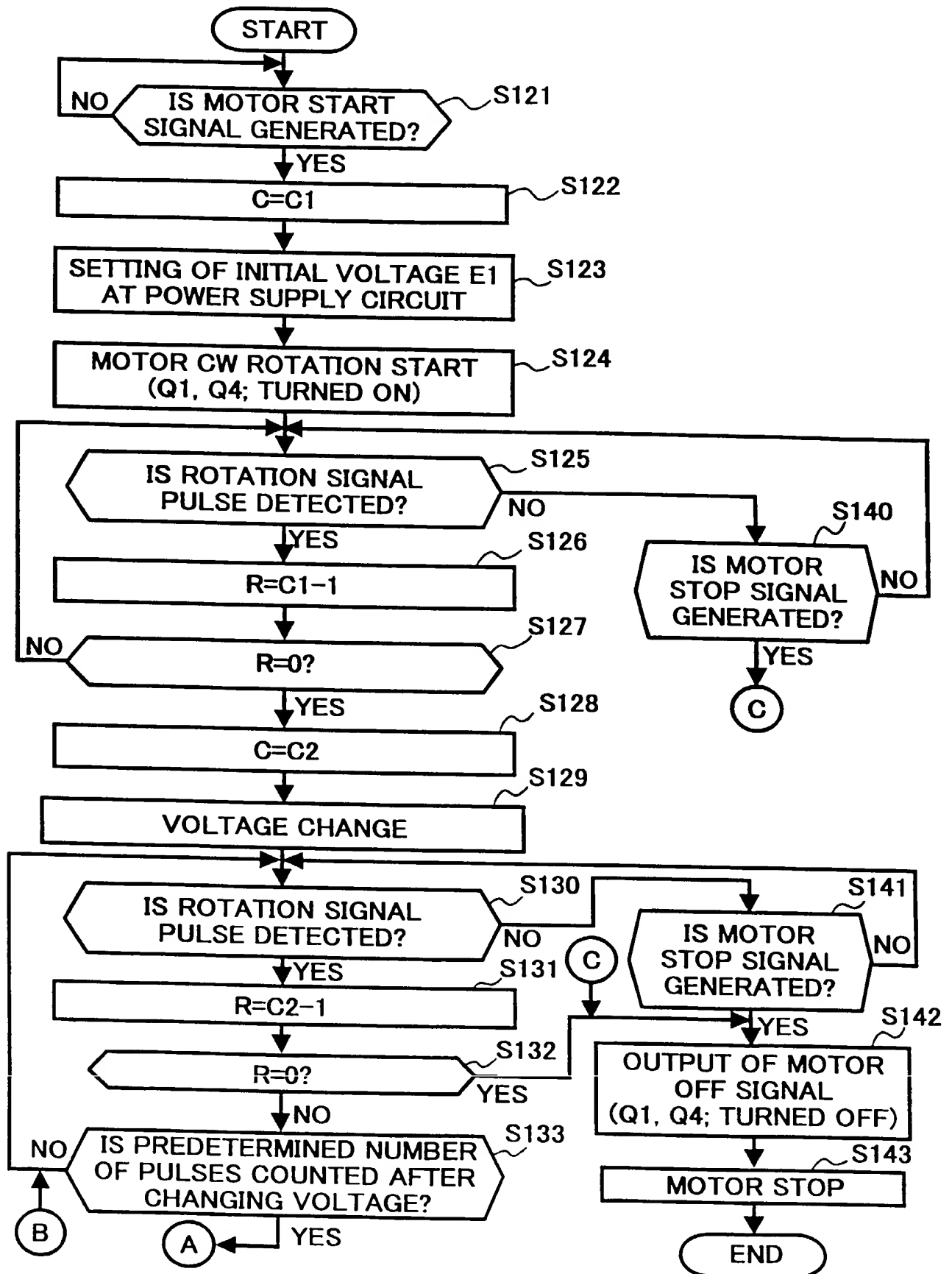
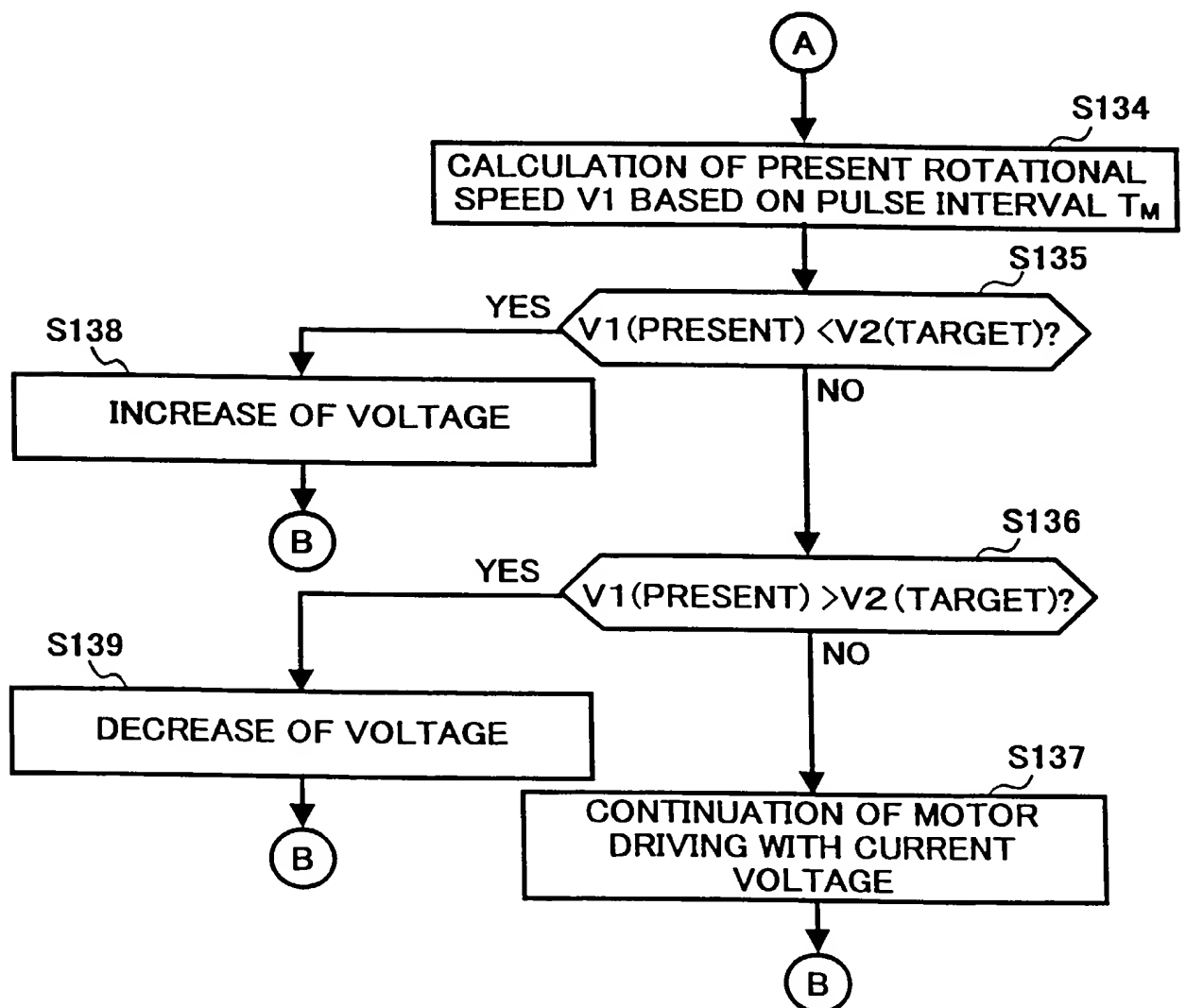


FIG. 29B



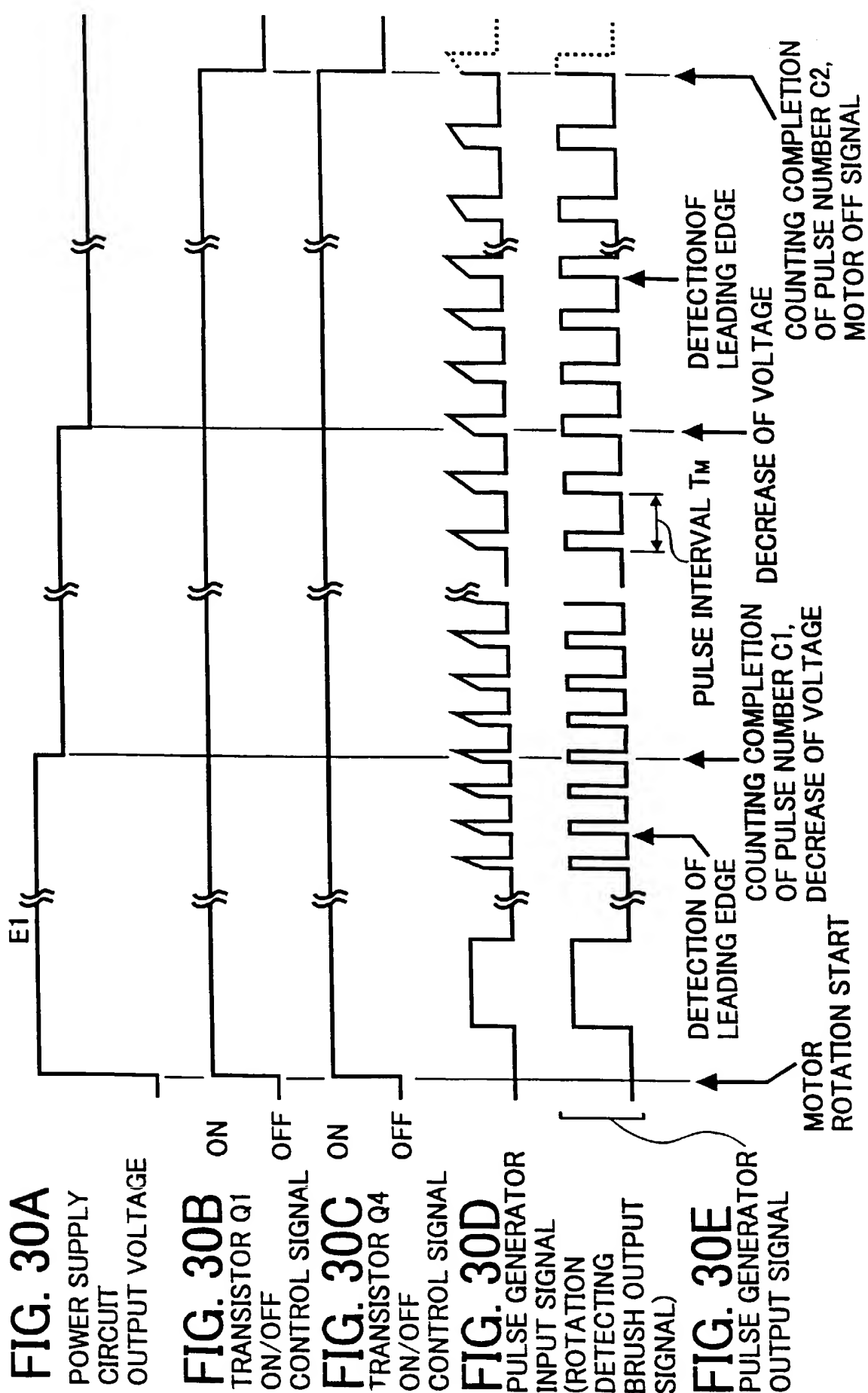


FIG. 31A

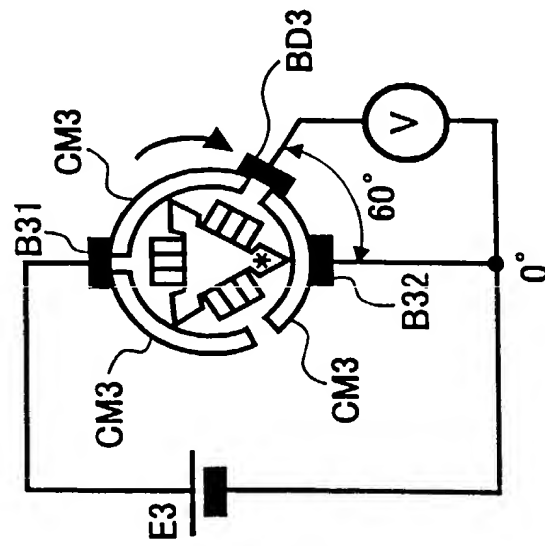


FIG. 31B

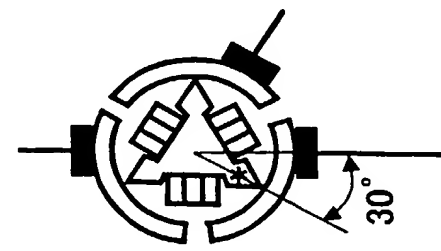


FIG. 31C

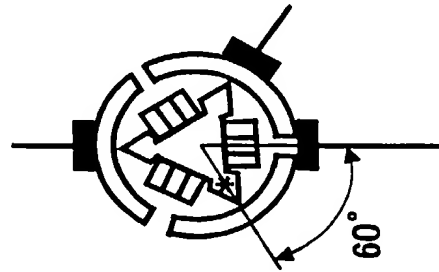


FIG. 31D

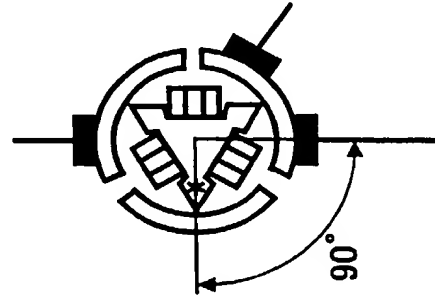


FIG. 31E

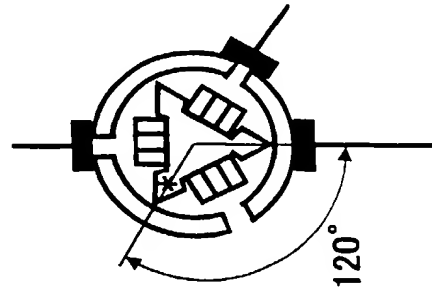


FIG. 32

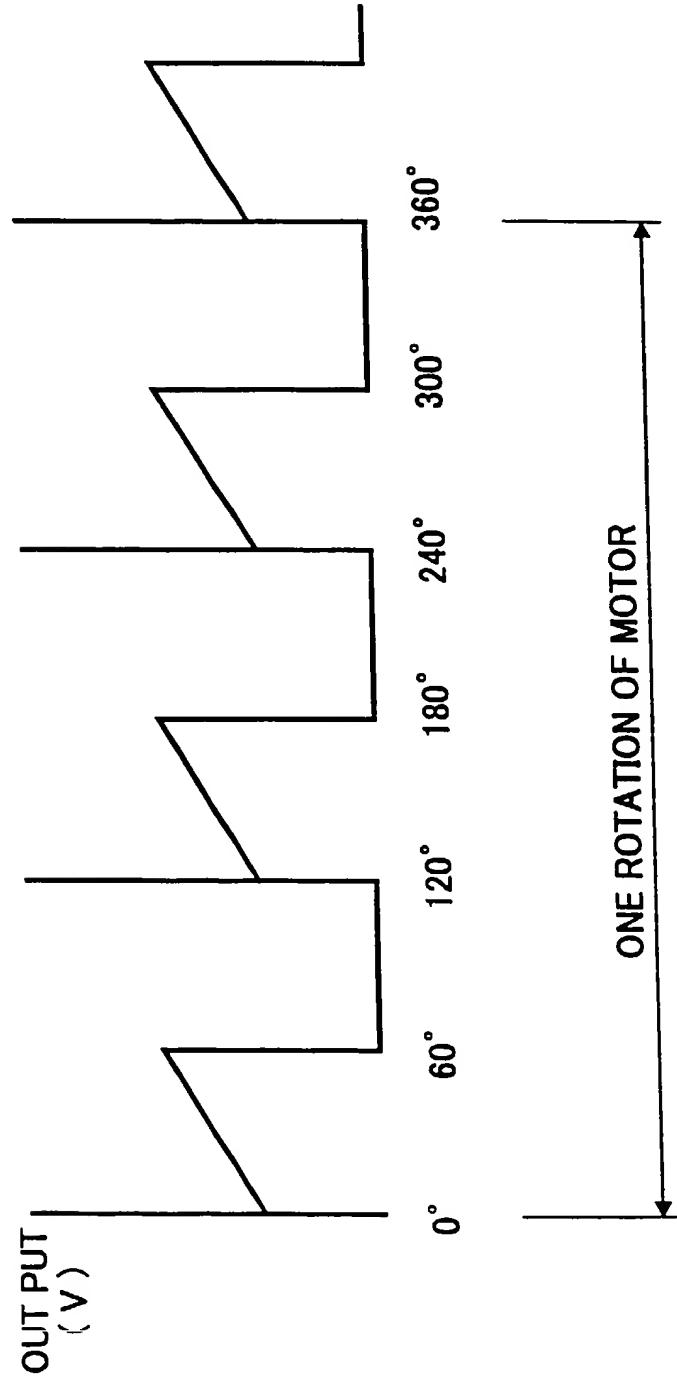


FIG. 33A

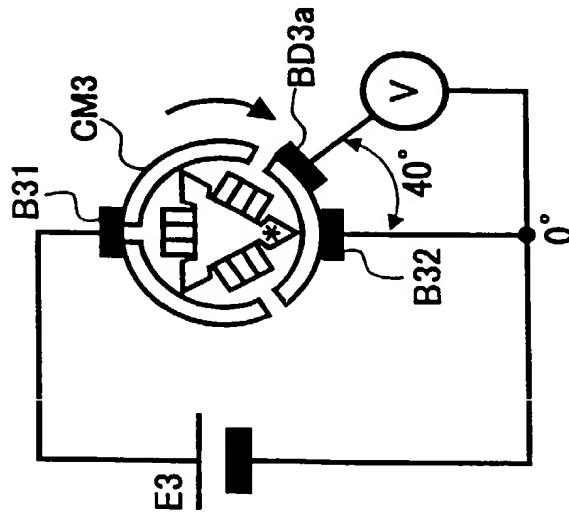


FIG. 33B

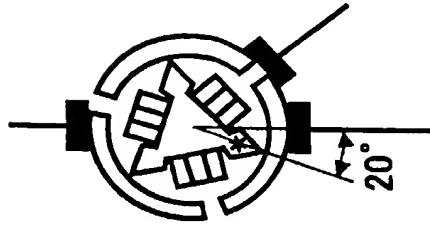


FIG. 33C

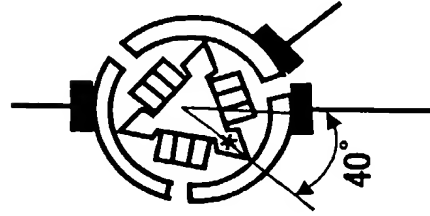


FIG. 33D

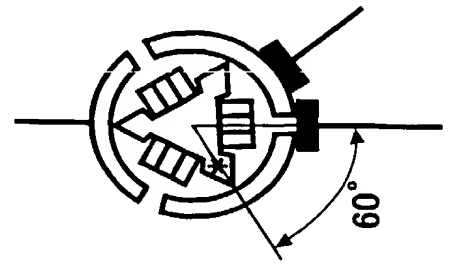


FIG. 33E

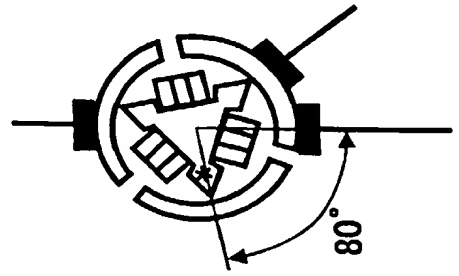


FIG. 33F

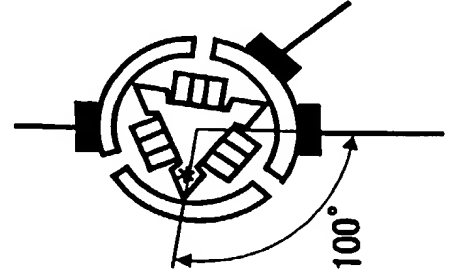


FIG. 33G

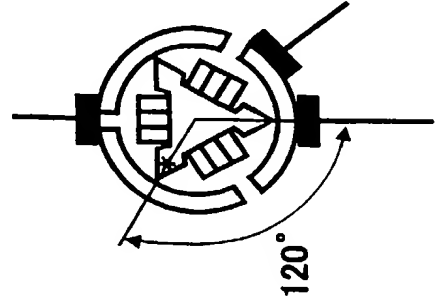


FIG. 34

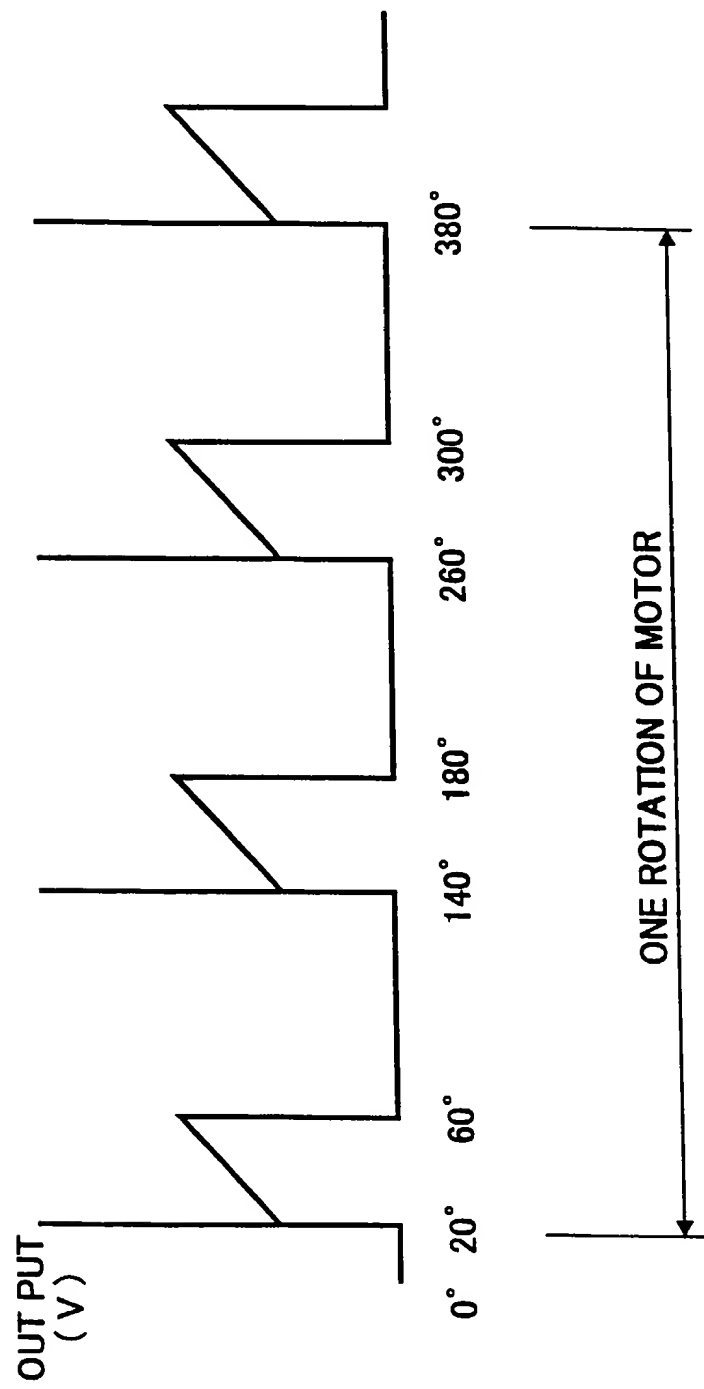


FIG. 35
BACKGROUND ART

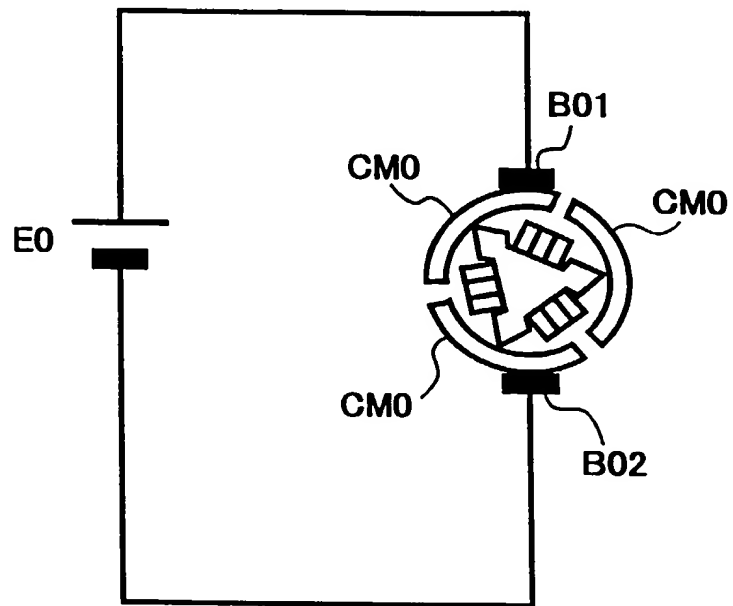


FIG. 36
BACKGROUND ART

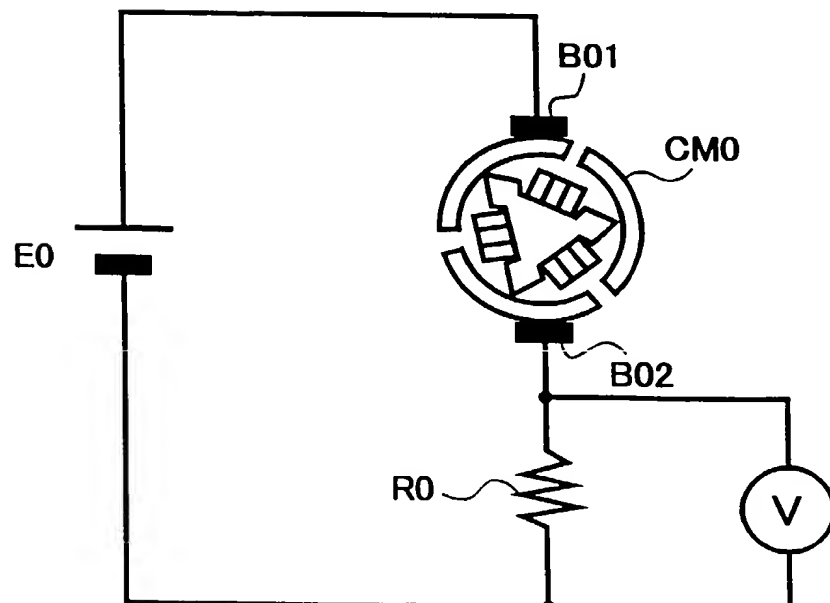


FIG. 37
BACKGROUND ART

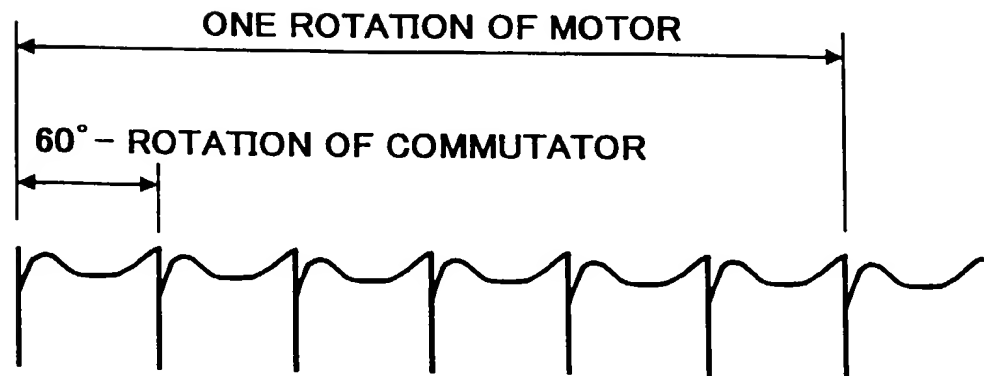


FIG. 38

BACKGROUND ART

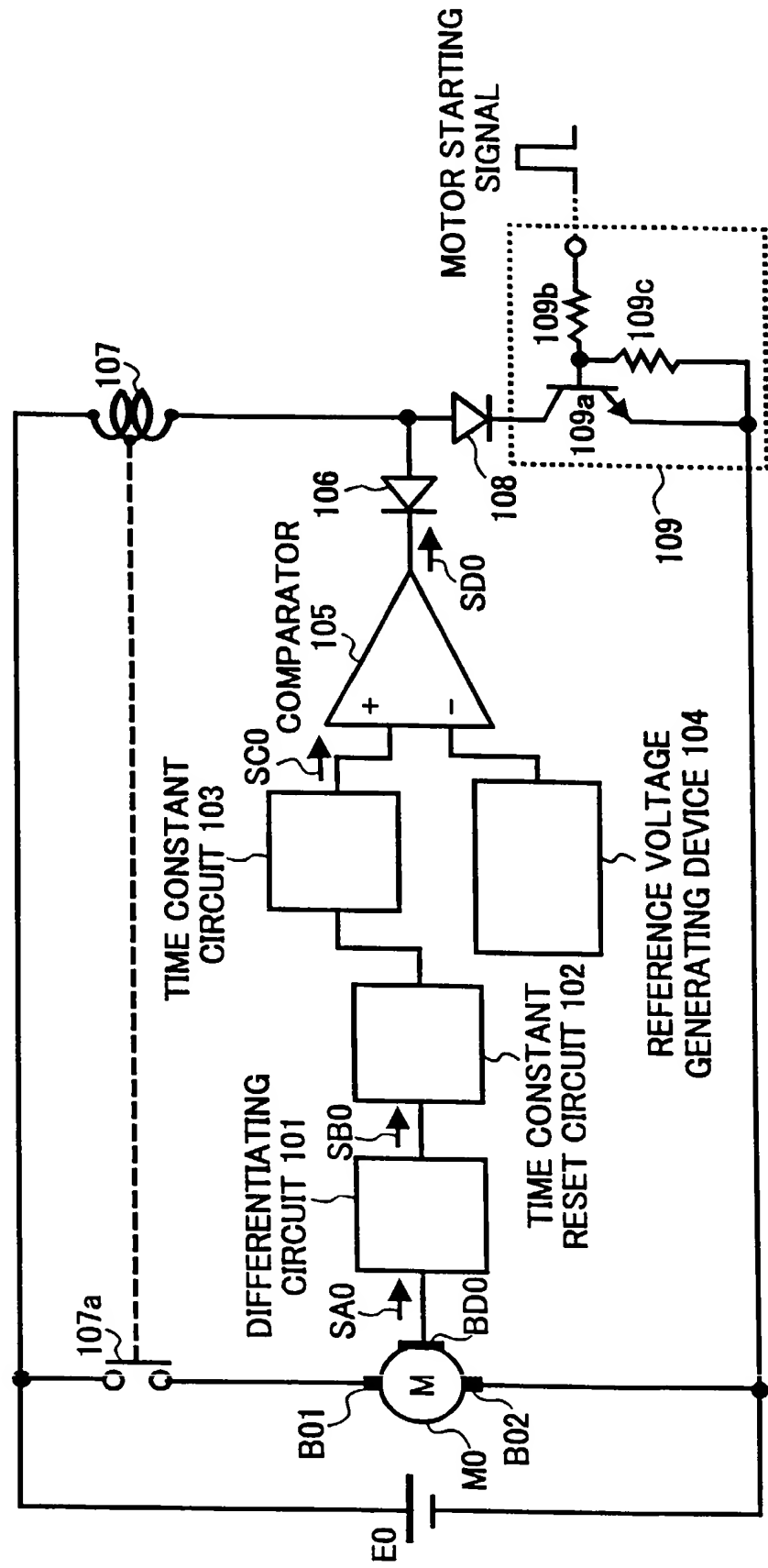


FIG. 39 BACKGROUND ART

